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Sent: Wed 9/12/2007 10:51 PM

To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)

Cc: Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Crome, Cora J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:51:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Tom Irwin <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

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I will work with Bruce first thing in the morning to get a draft paragraph that can be evaluated for inclusion in the AO signing.

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Sent: 9/12/07 9:58 PM

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Tom: I probably won't have time tonight to get those points made in our messaging for tomorrow, so im going to cc others who may be putting something together for tomorrow's AO signing.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:56:29

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Cc: Anders Bruce <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
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To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA)  
Subject: Fw: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

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To: Katz; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Polar Bears/State Comments

I agree. Would you and mr Nizich draft the letter? Thanks.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:47:50

To: "Mike Nizich" <mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Denby Lloyd" <denby\_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Leighow" <sharon\_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Cc: Persily; Larry A (GOV); Bishop; Samuel T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Climate Change/Federal Legislation

Thanks John. We'll hustle on getting more word out re: the state's commitment to addressing the issue via our subcabinet and other means. Some in the public are asking what we're doing on that front.

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Subject: Climate Change/Federal Legislation

The report below prepared by a private law firm provides a good summary of the pending climate change legislation and the future outlook. Lots more to come.

Congress Prepares to Debate Climate Change Legislation This Fall

Print PDF <[http://www.vnf.com/attachment.html/283/vnf\\_alert\\_ClimateChange2.pdf](http://www.vnf.com/attachment.html/283/vnf_alert_ClimateChange2.pdf)> Kyle Danish, Douglas Smith, Thomas Roberts

September 12, 2007

As members of Congress return from their August recess and begin working on a packed agenda, climate change is one of the issues expected to receive continued attention. The committees of jurisdiction in both the Senate and the House will focus on climate change legislation, and the leaders of those committees have emphasized their interest in having climate bills considered on the floor of each chamber by the end of the year. Such a

timetable, however, could be more ambitious than realistic. This issue alert highlights the key proposals - and the primary issues - that will be in play as Congress wrestles with climate change legislation this fall.

#### Senate Climate Change Proposals: Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner

The Chair of the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works (EPW), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), has committed to hold a hearing in the near-term at which each of the Senate sponsors of climate change bills will have an opportunity to present their proposals. While there have been a number of bills introduced, the focus is likely to be on two leading proposals.

One is the "Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007," which was introduced by Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Arlen Specter (R-PA) in July with endorsements from some major electric utilities and labor unions. The second is a 16-page outline of a cap-and-trade proposal by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and John Warner (R-VA) that was released in August. They have been collecting input on the outline and intend to introduce a bill for consideration in the fall. Chairman Boxer has said that the Lieberman/Warner bill, when ready, will be the primary vehicle in the EPW committee.

Comparing the Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner proposals suggests areas of convergence on the design of cap-and-trade legislation, and also those key issues that have yet to be resolved.

**Emissions Targets.** The Bingaman/Specter bill and the Lieberman/Warner outline would both establish cap-and-trade programs to limit emissions beginning in 2012. Bingaman/Specter calls for GHG reductions to 2006 levels by 2020. The Lieberman/Warner outline is somewhat more stringent, calling for a 10% reduction below 2005 levels by 2020. Both plans also envision consistent and steady emissions reductions through 2050.

**Points of Regulation.** The Bingaman/Specter bill would regulate carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from petroleum and natural gas consumption on an "upstream" basis, by regulating petroleum refiners and natural gas processors. The bill would reach CO2 emissions from coal consumption on a "downstream" basis, i.e., by regulating large consumers of coal (primarily coal-fired electric power plants).

The proposal by Senators Lieberman and Warner also would regulate petroleum on an "upstream" basis. However, they otherwise would regulate large sources of CO2 emissions on a "downstream" basis. Their program would require practically all electric power plants to submit allowances. It also would regulate industrial and commercial facilities that emit 10,000 metric tons or more of CO2-equivalent GHG emissions per year.

**Allowance Allocation and Auction Provisions.** The distribution of allowances (i.e., rights to emit) will be a significant and controversial issue in the Congressional deliberations.

Both the Lieberman/Warner and Bingaman/Specter proposals have detailed provisions on the distribution of allowances - with some portion allocated for free and some portion auctioned. Under both programs, approximately three-quarters of allowances would be allocated at no cost in the first year and the remaining quarter would be auctioned. Under each proposal, the share of allowances auctioned would steadily increase over time while the percentage of free allocations would fall.

The proposals have different approaches for allocating allowances to individual facilities within industry sectors. In particular, they vary in their approach to allocation within the electric power sector; unlike the Bingaman-Specter proposal, Senators Lieberman and Warner propose to allocate a portion of the sector's allowances to load-serving entities. Under each proposal, some allowances are also allocated to states and to create incentives for carbon capture and sequestration programs, for early reduction projects and for other initiatives. Moreover, both programs call for auction proceeds to fund low-carbon technologies, relief for low-income households, and climate change adaptation measures.

**Cost-Containment Strategies.** Another key - and unresolved - issue is what kinds of mechanisms a climate bill will include for containing compliance costs.

The Bingaman/Specter bill includes a "safety valve" mechanism that allows regulated

entities to pay a "technology accelerator payment" (TAP) in lieu of surrendering an allowance. The TAP price would begin at \$12 per metric ton of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions and increase annually by 5% above the inflation rate. The TAP mechanism effectively would place an escalating ceiling on allowance prices.

The Lieberman/Warner outline eschews the safety valve in favor of "softer" cost containment strategies. The Senators have proposed a Carbon Market Efficiency Board, modeled after the Federal Reserve, to oversee the allowances market. In "extreme economic circumstances," the Board could expand the quantity of available allowances, provided that the expansion is accompanied by a steeper reduction in the GHG cap in future years. Lieberman and Warner also have proposed that regulated entities have the ability to borrow a limited amount of allowances from their future allocations, subject to an interest rate. The Carbon Market Efficiency Board would have authority to set the interest rate and other terms for allowance borrowing.

Offset and International Credit Provisions. Both proposals would allow for the use of offset credits for emission reductions achieved by projects outside the scope of the emissions cap. Bingaman/Specter would streamline approval procedures for certain types of projects and authorize the President to promulgate rules allowing a regulated entity to use allowances or credits from foreign programs to cover up to 10% of its annual allowance requirements.

Senators Lieberman and Warner propose to limit the use of domestic offset credits to 15% of a regulated entity's allowance requirements, but would have a slightly more generous limit for use of foreign credits than the Bingaman/Specter bill (15%).

Credit for offset projects could be a significant issue in the climate debate. Some NGOs have argued that there should be no or only very limited credits for offset projects, citing concerns about the environmental integrity of the trading market.

Measures to Address Impacts on Trade and Competitiveness. A major emerging issue for climate legislation is how it addresses trade competitors that have not adopted comparable domestic caps on their GHG emissions. Both the Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner proposals embody the concept that the President may require importers of carbon-intensive goods from such countries to submit allowances in an amount sufficient to eliminate their economic advantage from not being subject to regulation. This concept likely will be further debated and developed during deliberations in the fall.

Outlook. Chairman Boxer has emphasized her interest in moving a cap-and-trade bill through her Committee during this session of Congress. There are, however, a large number of very important policy design issues to be resolved. Already, a subcommittee markup planned for September has slipped to October.

Furthermore, even a Committee-passed bill would need sufficient support from the full Senate (at least 60 votes) in order to overcome a likely filibuster. Given the considerable work needed to develop and build support for all the key elements of a comprehensive proposal, and the recent experience with the comparatively simple renewable portfolio standard, which appeared unable to attract 60 votes during the debate on energy legislation, it is difficult to imagine that a cap-and-trade bill could be passed by the Senate at this point in time. Nevertheless, while rapid passage seems unlikely, considerable behind-the-scenes efforts to refine climate legislation will continue.

#### House Climate Change Proposals: Cap-and-Trade and Carbon Tax

The principal architects of climate change legislation in the House will be Representative John Dingell (D-MI), Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Representative Rick Boucher (D-VA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality. Representative Boucher has set a goal of having a bill pass through his subcommittee and the full committee process this fall, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) recently said she wants to see a vote by the entire House on climate legislation by the end of 2007. However, it seems increasingly likely that this timetable will slip.

Little is known at this point about the bill that Representatives Boucher and Dingell are working on. Representative Dingell has expressed his views that both a cap-and-trade program and a carbon tax will be necessary for the U.S. to meet realistic emission

reduction goals. However, only a cap-and-trade bill would be within the jurisdiction of his Committee.

In developing cap-and-trade legislation, the Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee likely will grapple with many of the same design issues that are before the Senate EPW Committee. Rep. Boucher has indicated that his cap-and-trade bill will start with a modest cap and become increasingly stringent toward 2050.

Efforts by the House Committee may be complicated by the fact that key Committee members will be representing the House in the House-Senate conference on energy legislation. Representative Boucher said recently that he believes the energy conference should be delayed until a cap-and-trade bill could be added, allowing for a consideration of a single energy-climate package during 2008. Other Members, however, may resist further complicating the already complex and controversial energy bill deliberation.

Another arena of activity will be the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, chaired by Representative Ed Markey (D-MA). While lacking jurisdiction to legislate, the Select Committee will be a continued source of hearings and investigations on climate policy issues.

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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: Erika: This is ridiculous

I'm sorry that this became such a big issue; no need to apologize for being sarcastic- sarcasm always help me process through things! We are on the same page, so we'll get these boys fed with stuff at the House! It's crazy how doing something nice for a high school team can turn into something else. Yikes!

I am just a bit confused about the funding part; but I never sit in on any budget meetings and certainly not this one. When I initially called Linda about the pizza her response was (paraphrased) if the Governor wants to have the football team over for pizza- of course we would pay for it- just like any other event that the Governor hosts- then we moved on to figure out the best form of pymt. for Domino's/Bullwinkles. I was surprised when I got your first email, so I called her and asked why it was now a problem to host the team; she told me again that the state could pay for the pizza and it wasn't a problem. I didn't go into any details about your email; but wanted to know what had changed. We've only had one reception catered so far (Baranof paid by Cap.CityRep.Wom.) and DOA will be number two (Doc Waters); so to have Domino's cater the third event shouldn't be an issue.

I definitely will increase my prayer time for you!! I appreciate your mom's heart towards these boys and your willingness to open up your home to them. If someone is going to criticize you for that- then that's an honorable thing to be criticized for. It will mean alot to these kids to see the House and have a bite to eat after the game!

I pray that you will continue to move forward in God's wisdom and peace as you handle these types of issues. Venting is healthy, so feel free to anytime!!

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Sorry, really, to be sarcastic about this Erika! But I had an hour-long conversation about this with Mike, after he spoke with Linda Perez and Karen Rehfeld, and the only thing productive that came out of that discussion was the acknowledgement that Juneau folks are watching very closely everything I and my family does. Mike says that includes things like \$ spent at the mansion.

I love kids, sports, teams, etc and they are the people whom I WANT to host and be hospitable towards, versus some of those stuffy receptions I'm expected to host - and today I'm told that since I let the chef go that we can't offer to host a team??? This was the most frustrating issue I've faced in a long time because it's hypocritical and nonsensical. It was ok for Murkowski to wine and dine Bill Allen and members of the Corrupt Bastards Club, but I'm going to get hassled over how many old boxes of brownie mixes we use to serve a flippin' high school football team?

I know we're on the same page on this one, but others in the capitol are not. Thanks for letting me vent. I DO appreciate you!

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Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our \$8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.

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From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:16:52

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry,



Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spagh. sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau

(tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

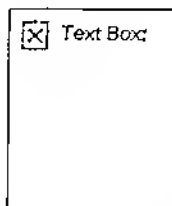
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**From:** George Matz [geomatz@alaska.net]  
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**Subject:** Mine Permitting



Cook Inlet Alliance  
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*The Cook Inlet Alliance is comprised of citizens dedicated to promoting the responsible use and management of public resources impacted by mining and related industrialization.*

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Governor Sarah Palin  
Office of the Governor  
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700  
Anchorage, AK 99501

September 13, 2007

Dear Governor Palin:

We want to discuss with you the adequacy of the State's large mine permitting process, particularly with respect to the proposed Pebble Project and its potential impact on Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet fish and wildlife populations and habitat. As you well know and appreciate, these are world class renewable resources that sustain the livelihood and enjoyment of many commercial, subsistence, and sport fishermen and related businesses. Our bottom-line concern is; can the State's permitting procedures assure us that these resources will be just as viable a century from now, when Pebble and perhaps other large mines have closed down, as they are today -- after more than a century of commercial fishing?

A mantra of Alaska's mining industry is that Alaska has a rigorous permitting process, implying that the public need not fear the occurrence of serious, long-term environmental problems like those that have poisoned the credibility of the mining industry elsewhere. Examples of this mantra are:

- A recent Northern Dynasty mailing says, "Upholding Alaska's Strict Standards. The State of Alaska has some of the most stringent environmental regulations and permitting requirements in the world."
- The Resource Development Council says, "Before construction could begin on the mine, the project must first undergo rigorous review by state and federal agencies." (September 2005 newsletter).
- DNR Commissioner Irwin stated in a July 3<sup>rd</sup> Media Release that, "Alaska has a world-class system in place for natural resource use permitting and development."

While these are reassuring statements on their face value, are they accurate? Can these

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statements be verified via independent reference? We think that the integrity of these claims is indicative of the degree of honesty and technical credibility we can expect once Pebble permits are actually submitted and the review process formally begins.

Our effort to find independent verification of the claims stated above has found nothing of support. In fact, we found contradictions. For example:

- The Fraser Institute 2006/2007 Annual Survey of Mining Companies indicates that Alaska's permitting system is viewed as favorable (i.e., not rigorous) by the mining industry. Alaska was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> best among U.S. states in regards to environmental regulations not being a deterrent to mining.
- The Alaska Miners Association web site says, "although operations in Alaska were for many years held to a higher standard than in other states, today the field is nearly level and in several states the requirements are more stringent than in Alaska."
- The Corps of Engineers permits for the Rock Creek and Kensington mines have been legally challenged. Irrespective of the courts decision on these challenges, it is obvious that there are grounds for believing that the permitting process may have taken shortcuts in order to facilitate mine development. Also, the National Marine Fisheries Service raised several objections to the recent Corps permit for the Port of Anchorage expansion stating that their analysis "understates the value of the fish habitat." While these are federal permits, not state, the fact is that state and federal agencies worked closely together on these projects and the state bears some complicity in any permit shortcomings.

Although Alaska's mine permitting process is not as lax as the laissez faire approach that still prevails in some countries, it may not be as stellar as some would like us to believe. While we agree that the combination of federal and state permits needed to develop a mine is topically comprehensive and usually requires extensive studies about baseline conditions, we don't think that this in itself amounts to a rigorous process.

In fact, extensive studies can be motivated more by an effort to insulate a project from law suit than to decide how or if the project should proceed. For instance, a legally defensible federal EIS needs to include a complete and adequate assessment of the project. A state water permit (AS 46.15.080) says that "the commissioner shall consider...the effect of fish and game resources and on public recreational opportunities." In both cases, the legal requirement is to merely be informed about environmental impacts, not to actually do anything about it.

In our view, the principal goal of a rigorous resource development permitting process should be protection from harm of other resources and resource users regardless of the impact this may have on the economic feasibility of a proposed project. The process should result in internalizing within the project any diseconomies that it might otherwise impose on others. If that jeopardizes project feasibility, then perhaps the project can not be afforded by its investors or the public and it is in the public interest to deny a permit. We think that this approach complies with the last five words of a sentence in our state constitution that many project advocates tend to leave out when quoting; "It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest."

Given the disparity between what is claimed for the State's mine permitting process and what actually seems to be practiced, we think there needs to be an independent review of the process to verify its

strengths, weaknesses, and what improvements might be needed to assure that the mine permitting process is not just administratively efficient, but assures the protection of other natural resources and resource users. Accordingly, we ask that your office initiate a multi-agency review and that this be used to develop consensus with the public as to what is an adequate mine permitting process, particularly with respects to Pebble which would have a footprint that is much larger and more complex to analyze than other mines.

We should mention that we discussed our request for a review with Commissioner Irwin during a recent teleconference with him. At that time our position also called for a suspension of permits until the review has been completed so that any changes might be less disruptive to the permit applicant. Commissioner Irwin disagreed with our position, although we don't know if he disagreed with just the suspension or also the need for a review. Anyhow, with due respect for his willingness to listen to our concerns about permitting, we have dropped the part asking for a suspension of permits since that may not be a practical recommendation.

Your position on the Pebble issue is that the permitting process should play out before any decision is made. We respect that and feel that an independent review of the permitting process reinforces, rather than opposes, your position.

Given the unique nature of the Pebble Project, we think it would have been timely for the Murkowski Administration to undertake a public permitting review as part of a scoping process (which will eventually be required for federal permits). Instead of reaching some sort of early consensus with the public as to how Pebble permitting should proceed, the Murkowski Administration instead imposed permit changes that were arbitrary, lowered the bar in terms of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, reduced the opportunity for public participation, removed checks and balances that are fundamental to avoid having too much power in one place, and disrupted what had been a relatively stable and balanced permitting regime. The result is that many who are knowledgeable about the State's mine permitting process think the Murkowski Administration changes represents the public's interest about as well as his Petroleum Profits Tax. The review we recommend, perhaps combined with scoping meetings, could rectify that.

We do not think that a review of the States mine permitting process needs to be an expensive or lengthy process. There are resources in the state that are familiar with the situation and can provide a professionally competent effort. However, we would not recommend using any of the consulting firms that have mining clients since this would put them in an obvious conflict between staying on good terms with their clients and providing objective, incisive analysis. We recommend using an academic institution like the University of Alaska. ISER in particular has consistently demonstrated both excellent skills and good objectivity.

We look forward to helping you reach better agreement on what the Pebble mine permitting system should accomplish, particularly with respect to the extraordinary value of the regions fish and wildlife resources. If you are interested, we can provide you with some specific suggestions that a permitting review might want to consider.

Sincerely,

George Matz  
CIA Issues Coordinator

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cc DEC Commissioner Hartig  
DF&G Commissioner Lloyd  
DNR Commissioner Irwin  
Senator Gary Stevens  
Representative Paul Seaton  
Cook Inlet Alliance list-serve

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 7:01 AM  
To: Mike Nizich; gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Cc: Denby Lloyd; Michael Tibbles; Sharon Leighow  
Subject: Re: Polar Bears/State Comments

Mike, as soon as we see the Federal Register notice, I'll draft something for everyone's review.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

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@bx003.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

I agree. Would you and mr Nizich draft the letter? Thanks.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:47:50

To: "Mike Nizich" <mike\_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc: "Denby Lloyd" <denby\_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles"

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<sharon\_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin"

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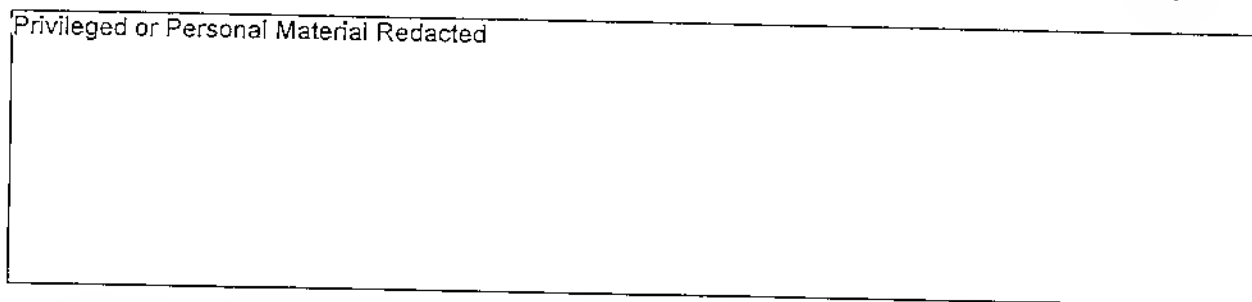
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:35 AM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: RE: PFD

Governor, I have Beth and Loren doing some ground work on that right now. They will coordinate with Revenue so as not to duplicate anything the Revenue has put together for locations. Beth indicated that they will have some options for you to consider by this afternoon.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:20 AM  
To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: PFD

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 19:19:58

To: "Patrick S Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: PFD

Pat- haven't heard update on PFD roll-out in Kotzebue. Or Kenai. Or anywhere else.

I need to put it on my schedule asap.

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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:23 AM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

Thanks. I'm in the Atwood building, Ivy has been checking to see if Commissioner von Scheben and I are on your schedule re: maritime contracts for today. Could talk with you more about the below topic if we're on schedule for today or whenever you are available.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:19 AM  
To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)  
Subject: Fw: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>  
  
Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 06:51:10  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

Great, would also recommend that press inquiries get directed to Annette since she knows more about what her Dept is doing and has done to address issues.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Thu Sep 13 06:31:08 2007  
Subject: Re: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

She gave me a briefing two wks ago, i'll ask if there are new developments. Thanks!  
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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 23:30:05

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

You may want to schedule a meeting with Annette to brief you on steps DOA has taken through the last few months to clean up ETS (our IT group) and to ensure proper procedures (or not) were followed related to contracts for VOIP (voice over internet protocol), E911, ALMR (the penultimate turf war between DMVA and DOA).

We've had concerns expressed to our office that we've talked with Annette about, Rachael Petro, and Mike T. Not sure whether they were ever elevated to you.

I've just heard that both Con Bunde and Eddie Burke have been asking around after these issues so I don't want you blindsided without an understanding of what DOA has done and is doing to address the issues.

Through the months we've been feeding everything we're hearing either to DOA or Mike or both.

I've got to stop traveling so I don't have to send you so many emails with heads ups...

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:22 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Western storm

Just an FYI for you

I received some calls regarding a storm that is currently hitting the western coastal area of Alaska. The prelim reports are that Kivalina may have to evacuate some folks later today if the storm picks up in intensity. In Nome a road washed out but presents no immediate problem for the community. Later today there will be high tides and heavy wind expected so that may cause more problems as the day goes on. DMVA/Emergency Management has made contact with folks out in the western communities and will monitor the situation. As things develop I will keep you informed.

Mike N

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:49 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Telephone Call

Governor –

Your calendar and briefing papers for the 10:00 a.m. meeting should be out for you at the Mansion. I wanted these to be there for you before tomorrow morning (Fri).

I received a phone call from David Thompson; he said that he knows you when you went to school together in Skagway. He is now living in Tacoma. This is Eugene Miller's Great Nephew. He would like a call from you. 253-304-4367 (cell).  
Thanks, Janice

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 12:24 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Football

We came up with enough frozen bread, spaghetti fixings, brownies and punch just out of our pantry and freezers. We have enough to feed the team without incurring any extra costs to the state. Diane (former fball mom) and I are *volunteering* our time to put this together and are more than happy to do this for the boys. When I extended the invite to the Colony coach it was for pizza, but I think they'll be happy with spaghetti!

The Juneau coach, Bill Chalmers is excited that the Governor invited the team over! Every Thursday night before home games a parent opens up their home, and the 1st & 10 Club (3-4 parents) bring all the food- cook the meal- and clean up. We just need to coordinate which Thursday night works best. I'll list the schedule below just for reference.

Thank you!!  
Erika

Fri. 9/21 Juneau vs. W.Valley  
Fri. 9/28 Juneau vs. Rainier, Oregon  
Fri. 10/5 Juneau - Playoff game

*Erika Fagerstrom*  
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*Governor's House*  
*State of Alaska, Office of the Governor*  
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**From:** Smith, Lynne M (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LMSMITH1]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:11 AM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

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**From:** Esther Cox [mailto:esthercox@alaskalife.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:08 PM  
**To:** AK Home Educators Alliance  
**Cc:** Smith, Lynne M (GOV); mauier@wildak.net; bschaeffer@nwardtic.org; Son.Luu@elmendorf.af.mil; Scott\_Tim@asdk12.org; sreynoldsak@gmail.com; 'Patrick Shier'; hollowayassoc@gci.net  
**Subject:** Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

September 12, 2007

Board of Alaska Home Educators Alliance:

The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development is going to have a one hour work session on September 20th on statewide correspondence schools. It is an information session for the board with presentations by several State Department of Education personnel, and an opportunity for Board members to ask questions and to discuss. It is not the intent of the Board to hammer out any modification or eradication of regulations regarding statewide correspondence. Therefore, we are not asking for any participation by members of the public.

The Board is on a tight agenda, and we shall be sticking to the time allotments as closely as possible. There are any number of issues before the Board, and each one deserves full time and consideration.

There will be time to testify at the beginning of the meeting as always. Testimony from interested parties on any agenda or non-agenda item is encouraged; however, again time will be an issue. It would be helpful if your organization would select two or three people to testify who would represent the home school community.

Thank you.

Esther J. Cox  
Alaska Board of Education and Early Development  
Chairg

On Sep 9, 2007, at 3:28 AM, AK Home Educators Alliance wrote:

Dear Ms. Cox, members of the Board of EED and Ms. Smith:

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Attached is a letter from the Alaska Home Educators Alliance. Thank you in advance for responding to our requests.

Sincerely  
The AHEA Board

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**From:** John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 1:12 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

I want to add my civilian "OH RAH" to what Dan said. It's easy for the rest of us to debate the merits of US foreign and military policy. It's a lot harder, and I think more significant, to demonstrate one's commitment by enlisting in the service of this country.

>>> <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> 9/13/2007 3:49 pm >>>  
Yeah!!!  
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 15:17:23  
To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
Subject: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Dan Wilmont, your military escort to Kuwait, = asked me to convey the email pasted below.

Please pass along a hearty Marine Corps "OH RAH" to the Governor.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is  
<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:52 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Fall NW Sea Storm

Here is a little more detail regarding the storm

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**From:** Cramer, John W (MVA)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:24 AM  
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katz, John W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Campbell, Craig (MVA)  
**Subject:** Fall NW Sea Storm

Gentlemen, just for your awareness. This is the latest which we have on the developments regarding the Western Alaska fall seastorm event that is going on. Kivalina voluntarily evacuated 97 residents to Kotzebue last night. Again this was voluntary by the community as a precaution. We also have been told that an additional 100 drove by ATV's to Red Dog and were put up in their facilities. We are in contact with the NW Arctic Borough EOC. They have not indicated that there are any emergency threats at this time. That are in constant contact with all of the villages that have the potential to be impacted. I have asked for an update on a every 3 hour basis until we are through the projected storm event. Last word was that the peak of the storm would be early morning hours today. As information is made available to me I will make certain to pass that along. If you wish to discuss further I am available as you wish.

### *We are "Ready to Serve"*

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 10:45 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: COHA Report: Democratic Development in Haiti

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**From:** Council On Hemispheric Affairs [mailto:coha@coha.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 9:32 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** COHA Report: Democratic Development in Haiti

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Coming soon...

## India Enters into the Latin America Oil Race

On September, 10, COHA issued a memorandum titled "India: The Relatively Quiet, but Growing of a New Asian Powerhouse in the Western Hemisphere," which treated the potential importance of current emergence in Latin America, particularly as it affects Brazil. In the upcoming article on the "India Enters into the Latin America Oil Race," COHA Research Fellow Alex Sánchez focuses on resource diplomacy, particularly in its search for oil sources.

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## Préval of Haiti--A Provisional Report Card: Grade B+

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More than 18 months have passed since René Préval was overwhelmingly elected president of Haiti in what many regional analysts considered one of the country's most crucial elections in decades. Within a period of only six years, Haitians had experienced a number of tumultuous events. It started with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's chaotic second term, in which international aid was suspended mainly due to accusations of election fraud surrounding his 2000 victory. Shortly thereafter, the 2004 coup d'état designed to oust Aristide and his government, led to two wasted years under the unstable government of Interim-Prime Minister Gérard Latortue and President Boniface Alexandre, whose accomplishments were meager at best. In short, Haiti was in desperate need of an effective and democratically elected leader who would govern fairly and help inch the poverty-stricken state out of its traditional despair. Expectations were large, and it was Préval, in his second stint as president, who was expected to deliver on some, if not all, of those expectations beginning in February 2006.

*Full article...*

*This analysis was prepared by COHA Research Associate Michael Glenwick*

*Friday, September 14, 2007*

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 12:30 PM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Fw: Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

Didn't know whether you saw this from the Peninsula Clarion, but am happy to get you a copy of my letter to Fran Ulmer. I know your office has fielded some letters or inquiries lately on our electronic voting systems. I felt like enlisting our university's help would provide that independent third party review. (Should take about 8 wks from when we reach agreement). I meet with Fran Ulmer next week to discuss scope of work and cost of such a study (we have some federal HAVA-Help America Vote Act-funds we intend to use).

Sean

----- Original Message -----

From: Brewster, Whitney H (GOV)  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored); Pullins, Jay D (GOV)  
Sent: Fri Sep 14 12:16:36 2007  
Subject: FW: Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

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From: Brewster, Whitney H (GOV) [mailto:whitney.brewster@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 11:43 AM  
To: ELECALL@GOV.state.ak.us  
Subject: Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

Web posted Friday, September 14, 2007

Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

Flaws with the system?

HAL SPENCE

Peninsula Clarion

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell has asked the University of Alaska to conduct a review and recommend possible changes to the state's electronic voting system.

The review comes in the wake of recent reports out of California documenting significant security flaws with three of seven voting systems there, including the Diebold touch screens and optical scanners used in Alaska and other states.

In a letter to UAA Chancellor Fran Ulmer, a former lieutenant governor and overseer of the Division of Elections herself, Parnell said he had recently reviewed the University of California, Berkeley, study that led California Secretary of State Debra Bowen to withdraw approval for the equipment's use in California.

Parnell told Ulmer that Bowen had listed several security measures that must be implemented in her state before approval could be restored. He said Alaska already meets or exceeds those measures and is considering additional security measures as well.

"Nevertheless, as you can appreciate from your own experience as lieutenant governor, I and the Division's Director, Whitney Brewster, want to do everything in the state's power to ensure the reliability, accuracy and security of our voting systems," Parnell told Ulmer.

The university has not yet said it would conduct the review.

Computer experts at the University of California and at Princeton University, in New Jersey, conducted California's evaluation, stating in their report that the Diebold system did not meet requirements for a security-critical system, and saying that it was built on "an inherently fragile design and suffers from implementation flaws that can expose the entire voting system to attacks."

That could include an attack from "a single skilled individual with temporary access to a single voting machine," the report found.

An executive summary of the report said the system was vulnerable to malicious software, was susceptible to viruses, failed to protect ballot secrecy, and was also vulnerable to "malicious insiders" meaning it lacked adequate controls to ensure that county workers with certain accesses would not exceed their authority.

"Anyone with access to a county's GEMS (election management system) server could tamper with ballot definitions or election results and could also introduce malicious software

into the GEMS server itself or into the county's voting machines."

The report also warned that fixing the Diebold system's individual defects piecemeal without addressing underlying causes stemming from "deep architectural flaws" would be "unlikely to render the system secure."

The safest way to repair the Diebold system, the report concluded, was to reengineer it "so it is secure by design."

Division Director Whitney Brewster said Alaska uses exactly the same Diebold system as is used in California. She noted that the California study did not include some security processes and procedures, such as chain-of-custody measures and testing, that might have mitigated at least some of the findings. Nevertheless, there were enough red flags to raise real concerns for the integrity of the Alaska system.

"That's why we wanted to make sure we are as airtight as possible here in Alaska," she said, adding that if the university agrees to conduct the Alaska study, completion would be anticipated early enough to implement changes prior to the election in 2008.

If the university declines, there are other experts to whom the state could go, Brewster said. What is imperative, she added, is that an independent third party conducts the study. The perception that elections are fair is the bottom line.

"We absolutely want voters to have confidence that things are above board and airtight," Brewster said. "If the perception is out there (that the system is flawed), that's a problem."

Brewster did note that the electronic voting system in Alaska does produce a paper trail, which is an issue in some parts of the country. In addition, an audit conducted during the certification process hand counts ballots from one precinct in every Alaska House district. If issues arise, the entire district is recounted, she said.

Monday, Parnell and members of his staff met with Alaska Democratic Party Chair Patti Higgins, Democratic Reps. Lindsey Holmes and Berta Gardner, both of Anchorage, and Kay Brown, communications director for the Democratic National Committee in Alaska, to discuss the need for a study.

In a press release Tuesday, Higgins said the state was moving in the right direction in proposing to conduct a thorough technical review of the system and its security procedures.

"Time is running short to correct some very serious problems that have come to light, and they recognize the urgency of fixing our voting system before the elections in 2008," Higgins said after meeting Monday with the Parnell and Brewster.

"This is not an issue that is going away anytime soon," Brewster said. "I look forward to the study being conducted so that we are sure we are providing the best service possible."

Hal Spence can be reached at [hspence@ptialaska.net](mailto:hspence@ptialaska.net).



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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:46 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Public\_Safety

This is a Public Safety issue, not ADF&G, so I'm sending to Katie.

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:40 AM  
To: gregnsage@starband.net  
Subject: RE: Public\_Safety

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:13 AM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Public\_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Gregory Garrels  
address: 7710 Johnson Road Salcha AK 99714  
907-488-1593

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin  
I am given to understand that new hunting regulations can come from the board of game, the legislature, or from your office. The board of game's next opening for proposals is not until March of 2008, the wheels of the legislature grind

slowly indeed, and there is a clear and present danger to public safety resulting from a combination of the actions of a small minority of the hunting community and some incomplete language in the hunting regulations. Many rural landowners have had people fire weapons into or along their posted property. Many people have had gutpiles and other grizzly attracting offal left on or adjacent to their property. There has been property damage in the past. There have also been some serious confrontations between hunters and landowners. Sooner or later someone is going to get injured or killed either by a hunter or by a bear that was attracted to some offal. The problem in the main stems from two sources. One is that m!

any roadhunters are aware that all a landowner can do is try to charge them with trespass which is very difficult. The other is that many believe that they can do anything they want to in a right of way, and have had this notion reinforced by people at ADF&G and DOT. This issue could be rectified easily by two changes in 5 AAC 92.080 (unlawful methods of taking game). The first would be to change 5 AAC 92.080 (1) from: (1) By shooting from, on, or across a highway to: (1) By shooting from, on, or across a highway, or within any right of way or easement that adjoins or passes through private property that has been posted against hunting or trespass by the owner. This change would cause no problems on open state or federal ground, only along posted private property. Bullets do not stop at the edge of a right of way. the second would be to add 5 AAC 92.080 (14) By shooting on or into private property that has been posted against hunting by!

the owner. By making these two acts game violations,!

these two small changes would vastly improve public safety with little or no impact on ethical users, and would give landowners and wildlife enforcement officers some real teeth to deal with the problem roadhunters. Most folks are going to be more worried about losing their gun, truck, and hunting license than about being charged with trespassing. Best regards, Greg Garrels 7710 Johnson Road, Salcha, AK 99714 gregnsage@starband.net 907-488-1593

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 4:24 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Governor and Mike,

Here is an update on the west coast sea storm

Fall Sea Storms

A coastal flood warning remains in effect for the Chukchi Sea Coast (see coastal flood warning below). In a joint effort between the Northwest Arctic Borough and the village of Kivalina, approximately 230 Kivalina village residents voluntarily evacuated, with 132 people going to the Red Dog Mine and 98 going to Kotzebue. This evacuation was a precaution against expected erosion and high waves caused by the current storm. As of this morning, no damage was reported to the community buildings or infrastructure in Kivalina, but the SECC received a report that the sea wall was damaged last night. Two representatives from DHS&EM flew into Kotzebue this morning. They met with the Borough officials and have since flown out to Kivalina to assess the imminent threat and any damages as a result of the wave action last night.

DHS&EM Response section continues to monitor the storm situation and maintains close and regular contact with representatives of the Northwest Arctic Borough, Kivalina, Golovin, and Nome. The Response section is also in close contact with State of Alaska DOT, Department of Public Safety, and the National Weather Service.

Coastal Flood Warning

The National Weather Service has issued coastal flood warnings for the Chukchi Sea Coast including Point Hope, Shishmaref, Kivalina and Espenberg. The coastal flood warning remains in effect until 4 pm Friday between Cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson. South winds from 25 to 35 mph will continue over the northwest coast between Cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson this morning. The tide will crest along this part of the Alaska coast at later this morning and in the early afternoon. The rise in water level will be as much as 4 feet above normal tides. The high tide and the heavy surf will cause coastal flooding until mid afternoon today.

The coast at Kivalina will be affected. Other low lying areas between Cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson will also be affected, including Red Dog Port.

A coastal flood warning means that rising sea water that causes flooding is expected. Coastal residents in the warned area should be alert for rising water, and take actions to protect life and property. This storm will probably not be the only one of the season, so residents on the northwest coast should be prepared for more rough weather as the fall season progresses.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]  
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 11:42 AM  
To: Karleen Jackson; Governor Sarah Palin  
Cc: Allison Nyholm; Anna Kim; Michael Tibbles  
Subject: SCHIP/NGA Toolkit

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

To: All Governors  
From: Governor Tim Pawlenty; Governor Ed Rendell, Governor Jim Douglas, Governor Jon Corzine  
Re: SCHIP Reauthorization

We would like to thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) is reauthorized this year. As we discussed during the NGA meetings in Washington D.C. and Michigan, authorization for SCHIP expires at the end of September 2007 and its reauthorization is a priority for all governors.

Over the past several months NGA has called upon Congress and the Administration to reauthorize this critical legislation and avoid short term extensions that would result in coverage shortfalls in several states. We are committed to communicating governors' position on SCHIP to Congress and the Administration, but our voice is no substitute for direct contact between governors and their state delegations. We ask for your continued assistance by working with us collectively through NGA and by independently educating your federal representatives regarding the importance of SCHIP to your state. To that end NGA has provided a tool kit for use by your press shop to raise the issue in your state and with your delegations. The NGA tool kit can be accessed at <http://www.subnet.nga.org/schip/>

We are hopeful that by working together we can make SCHIP reauthorization a priority for Congress and secure a long-term reauthorization of SCHIP this year.

David C. Quam  
Director, Federal Relations

8/24/2009

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To unsubscribe, send a blank email to [leave-116274-6971@talk.nga.org](mailto:leave-116274-6971@talk.nga.org).

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Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 9:44 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** FW: Alert: Kivalina  
**Importance:** High

Kivalina update

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**From:** Cramer, John W (MVA)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 9:22 AM  
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katz, John W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Campbell, Craig (MVA)  
**Subject:** Alert: Kivalina  
**Importance:** High

Gentlemen:

Last night at approximately 10:45 PM SECC Duty Officer received a call that Kivalina had lost approximately 1,000 feet of their approximately 1,600 foot long sea wall. This puts the fuel tanks at significant risk. Additional residents voluntarily evacuated to Red Dog Mine. More than 2/3 of the residents have evacuated, estimates are that 50 people are still in the village. North West Arctic Borough is providing supplies to Red Dog Mine to support the babies and children in shelter there.

DHS&EM has two Response personnel on the ground in Kotzebue, they have contacted the North West Arctic Borough and are planning to fly to Kivalina this morning weather permitting.

We will hold an interagency teleconference this afternoon with Borough, NWS, USACE, FEMA Area Office, DOT&PF, DHSS, AVEC, Red Cross, Red Dog Mine, and USCG.

We have received word that Kivalina has declared a local disaster, and the North West Arctic Borough is planning to declare a disaster.

More details as we get them.

*We are "Ready to Serve"*

John W. Cramer,  
Acting Deputy Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
Director, Division of Administrative Services  
(907)428-6009  
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Always at your service  
Shane

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=PSGALVIN1]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:28 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: RE: ACES

Joe and Mike have set up a briefing with House majority and minority members for next Tuesday at 10:30 in Anchorage. It was coordinated with Speaker Harris and Beth Kerttula.

Based on my current understanding, it will be primarily a quick run through of the process we went through, the options we looked at, the type of analysis we did, and our conclusions. We'll answer general questions, and offer more in-depth briefings for smaller groups in the following weeks.

-Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 8:37 PM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: ACES

I only heard this evening that there's some kind of briefing next week. Hopefully someone will tell me more asap. Sounds like u know more about it than i do.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 19:47:32

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: ACES

Heard there's a Tuesday House hearing on ACES. Senate Minority waiting to see if Senate Majority going to ask for a similar briefing. If the silence fr Senate Majority remains deafening, Senate Minority might ask for same hearing or q and a opportunity House has.

Senate Minority generally favorable but individual members are going to wait on the "details" of ACES before going all in.

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From: Perez, Linda J (GOV) [/O=S0A/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LJPEREZ]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 4:44 PM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Anchorage office

Good afternoon Governor,

I just emailed the travel comparison information you've been waiting for to Kris and asked that she print it out for you.

Linda

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2007 10:23 AM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV)  
Cc: Frank Bailey; Todd Palin; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Anchorage office

Linda: Do these figures account for the Inaugural Committee and Palin family paying for travels?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 09 Sep 2007 09:27:54

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Leschper, Mary C (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Anchorage office



I'll have a copy printed for you in the office tomorrow.

9-07-07.

Very preliminary information relating to prior administrations comparisons... we are still working through documents to sort out the travel information, including the public safety billings for flight charges. The preliminary travel costs reflected here are for per diem reimbursements and commercial transportation expenditures only.

Governor Palin days out of Juneau since taking office through 9/4/2007 are 173.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel is \$28,446.46 \*\*NOTE: does not yet include public safety charges for any King Air Travel.

Governor Murkowski's comparable timeframe comparison:

Days out of Juneau from taking office through 8/24/2003 was 124.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel was \$18,553.32 \*\*NOTE: no public safety charges yet included.. Governor Murkowski only had two trips with commercial airfare costs within this timeframe. There will be considerably more costs when the flight logs and billings are calculated.

Prior administrations annual travel by calendar year without the public safety billing information:

Gov. Murkowski

Additional	2003 travel	70 days out of Juneau	\$17,571.16 cost
2004		178 days out of Juneau	\$29,213.13 cost
2005		202 days out of Juneau	\$44,607.74 cost
2006		193 days out of Juneau	\$52,065.79

Additionally, Governor's Office maintained an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski from May 2005 through November 2006 at a rental rate of \$900.00 per month.

Gov. Knowles (Days out of Juneau estimates only based on reported per diem - travel documents have been destroyed. Travel information from annual travel reports.)

1999	80 days out of Juneau	\$57,392 WITH
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King Air billing

King Air billing	2000	152 days out of Juneau	\$89,578 WITH
King Air	2001	163 days out of Juneau	\$55,490 WITHOUT
King Air	2002	148 days out of Juneau	\$28,876 WITHOUT

Additional items:

First Gentleman's travel costs from 12/06 through 6/3/2007 totals \$7,344

Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of \$1,982

Mrs. Murkowski's travel costs:

2002	\$1,860
2003	\$29,608
2004	\$13,607
2005	\$43,659
2006	\$35,675

Additional cost savings to Governor's Office budget:

Reduction in security detail	\$25,000 savings
determined	Additional savings due to use of King Air over West Wind still to be

Additional cost savings to Governor's House budget:

Chef to seasonal position	\$40,079 savings
House expenses 5/07 - 8/07 period in 2006	\$ 4,229 (food, etc. purchases as compared to same period in 2006 )

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Good evening Governor,

I've attached very PRELIMINARY information regarding our current costs as compared to prior administrations as requested in prior emails. We are still working through travel documents and will need to go through flight logs and public safety billings to obtain complete information. I hope to provide the full scenario by mid-week. We will also provide more detailed travel scenarios specific to Anchorage travel and costs that I believe will provide a more accurate comparison between the administrations.

I apologize again for the delay Governor, but we still have a significant amount of documents to work through.

If you think of any additional area of comparison, please let me know.

Thank you,

Linda

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 8:18 AM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: Bristol's Flight

Governor,

Bristol called yesterday afternoon and asked that she be moved to the Saturday afternoon flight that you are on from JNU/ANC. We did make the change this morning. Thanks, Janice

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:59 PM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: Blunck

Jim Campbell just called, and apparently he caught wind that Nancy Blunck was talked to about PF Board, and he couldn't say enough good about her. Blunck is Jim's wife Kelly's broker. Said she's an impressive individual with a ton of Alaskan history.

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Office of Governor Sarah Palin  
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From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=PSGALVIN1]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:28 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: RE: ACES

Joe and Mike have set up a briefing with House majority and minority members for next Tuesday at 10:30 in Anchorage. It was coordinated with Speaker Harris and Beth Kerttula.

Based on my current understanding, it will be primarily a quick run through of the process we went through, the options we looked at, the type of analysis we did, and our conclusions. We'll answer general questions, and offer more in-depth briefings for smaller groups in the following weeks.

-Pat

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 8:37 PM  
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: ACES

I only heard this evening that there's some kind of briefing next week. Hopefully someone will tell me more asap. Sounds like u know more about it than i do.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>  
  
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 19:47:32  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: ACES

Heard there's a Tuesday House hearing on ACES. Senate Minority waiting to see if Senate Majority going to ask for a similar briefing. If the silence fr Senate Majority remains deafening, Senate Minority might ask for same hearing or q and a opportunity House has.

Senate Minority generally favorable but individual members are going to wait on the "details" of ACES before going all in.



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From: Perez, Linda J (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LJPerez]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 4:44 PM  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Anchorage office

Good afternoon Governor,

I just emailed the travel comparison information you've been waiting for to Kris and asked that she print it out for you.

Linda

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2007 10:23 AM  
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV)  
Cc: Frank Bailey; Todd Palin; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Anchorage office

Linda: Do these figures account for the Inaugural Committee and Palin family paying for travels?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Sun, 09 Sep 2007 09:27:54

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Leschper, Mary C (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Anchorage office

I'll have a copy printed for you in the office tomorrow.

9-07-07

Very preliminary information relating to prior administrations comparisons... we are still working through documents to sort out the travel information, including the public safety billings for flight charges. The preliminary travel costs reflected here are for per diem reimbursements and commercial transportation expenditures only.

Governor Palin days out of Juneau since taking office through 9/4/2007 are 173.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel is \$28,446.46 \*\*NOTE: does not yet include public safety charges for any King Air Travel.

Governor Murkowski's comparable timeframe comparison:

Days out of Juneau from taking office through 8/24/2003 was 124.

The commercial transportation, lodging and per diem paid in conjunction with this travel was \$18,553.32 \*\*NOTE: no public safety charges yet included.. Governor Murkowski only had two trips with commercial airfare costs within this timeframe. There will be considerably more costs when the flight logs and billings are calculated.

Prior administrations annual travel by calendar year without the public safety billing information:

Gov. Murkowski

Additional	2003 travel	70 days out of Juneau	\$17,571.16 cost
2004		178 days out of Juneau	\$29,213.13 cost
2005		202 days out of Juneau	\$44,607.74 cost
2006		193 days out of Juneau	\$52,065.79

Additionally, Governor's Office maintained an apartment in Anchorage for Governor Murkowski from May 2005 through November 2006 at a rental rate of \$900.00 per month.

Gov. Knowles (Days out of Juneau estimates only based on reported per diem - travel documents have been destroyed. Travel information from annual travel reports.)

1999	80 days out of Juneau	\$57,392 WITH
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King Air billing			
King Air billing	2000	152 days out of Juneau	\$89,578 WITH
King Air	2001	163 days out of Juneau	\$55,490 WITHOUT
King Air	2002	148 days out of Juneau	\$28,876 WITHOUT

Additional items:

First Gentleman's travel costs from 12/06 through 6/3/2007 totals \$7,344

Governor has declined First Family per diem reimbursements to date of \$1,982

Mrs. Murkowski's travel costs:

2002	\$1,860
2003	\$29,608
2004	\$13,607
2005	\$43,659
2006	\$35,675

Additional cost savings to Governor's Office budget:

Reduction in security detail	\$25,000 savings
Additional savings due to use of King Air over West Wind still to be determined	

Additional cost savings to Governor's House budget:

Chef to seasonal position	\$40,079 savings
House expenses 5/07 - 8/07 period in 2006	\$ 4,229 (food, etc. purchases as compared to same period in 2006 )

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sun 9/9/2007 9:07 AM

To: Perez, Linda J (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin; Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Re: Anchorage office

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perez, Linda J (GOV)" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 07 Sep 2007 17:33:57

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Leschper, Mary C (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Anchorage office

Good evening Governor,

I've attached very PRELIMINARY information regarding our current costs as compared to prior administrations as requested in prior emails. We are still working through travel documents and will need to go through flight logs and public safety billings to obtain complete information. I hope to provide the full scenario by mid-week. We will also provide more detailed travel scenarios specific to Anchorage travel and costs that I believe will provide a more accurate comparison between the administrations.

I apologize again for the delay Governor, but we still have a significant amount of documents to work through.

If you think of any additional area of comparison, please let me know.

Thank you,

Linda

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com> ]

Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 7:31 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Perez, Linda J (GOV)

Cc: Frank Bailey; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 2:14 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I had Cora give a run down on what is happening with the Climate Change sub-cabinet. See below.

I just spoke with Larry and got a little more information on a few topics. The administrative order creating the climate change sub-cabinet is ready for the Governor's signature. She will likely be signing it Friday when she is in town. It may be appropriate to issue a press release. The climate change sub-cabinet is meeting in Fairbanks in early October. It is likely that at that meeting they will recommend that representatives from DEC be appointed observers to the Western Region Climate Initiative. Mike Tibbles already has a draft letter to that effect. As observers, we can participate in the process, but aren't necessarily agreeing to the goals they have adopted. Again, when this is finalized, we could issue a press release. It appears that most of the suggested actions are already in the works.

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**From:** Crome, Cora J (GOV)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Climate Change

The administration has been fairly active on climate change, although groups highly focused on the issue might desire even more action or might be unaware of some of our efforts.

- The Governor created the climate change sub-cabinet, which has been meeting regularly and coordinating between departments, the Governor's office, and the university on the issue. The sub-cabinet received a fair amount of press coverage when it was first created despite the lack of a formal announcement. If we were to finalize the administrative order creating the sub-cabinet, that might be an opportunity for a press release to again draw attention to these efforts. The sub-cabinet has been working with communities, national groups, the legislative commission, and the congressional delegation to address topics such as effects on fisheries, erosion in coastal communities, federal legislation, and carbon emissions.
- At some point, federal funding may be available to help states adapt and cope with the effects of climate change. Our D.C. office is already working closely with our congressional delegation on legislation. At this point it isn't clear whether such legislation will be passed or what form it may take, but our office is working to ensure that Alaska benefits from any such legislation.
- We have not yet spoken publicly on HB152, the renewable energy fund. This is largely due to uncertainty about the funding source. Although the concept is one that we would likely support, it is important to verify that the funding source. Options, including the possible use of remaining railbelt energy funds, are being explored. Once a concrete proposal for funding has been advanced, we will be in a position to determine and announce our support for the fund.
- The benefits of the gas pipeline to both the state and the nation have been a major focus of communications from this office. It is possible that a specific tie to climate change could be further emphasized in the future.
- The Western Region Climate Initiative is a relatively new group, formed in February of this year. Currently 6 states and 2 Canadian provinces have joined, while another 4 states and 3 provinces are observers. The climate change sub-cabinet has been discussing what the appropriate level of involvement for Alaska in this and other such initiatives might be.
- We are also coordinating with the Arctic Research Commission to identify opportunities for state

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Involvement in research and policy matters in the Arctic as changing conditions draw increased global attention to this area.

I can follow up with Larry about progress and future plans for the climate change sub-cabinet and provide more information after I have the opportunity to talk with him.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:20 AM  
To: Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>  
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58  
To: Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor, I thought a lot about whether I should pass this on but decided you would want to see what the conservation side is thinking. I don't agree with all the comments but a lot matches our thoughts and I respect Kate. Tom

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**From:** Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:59 PM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Erika: This is ridiculous

I'm sorry that this became such a big issue; no need to apologize for being sarcastic- *sarcasm always help me process through things!* We are on the same page, so we'll get these boys fed with stuff at the House! It's crazy how doing something nice for a high school team can turn into something else. Yikes!

I am just a bit confused about the funding part; but I never sit in on any budget meetings and certainly not this one. When I initially called Linda about the pizza her response was (paraphrased) *if the Governor wants to have the football team over for pizza- of course we would pay for it- just like any other event that the Governor hosts-* then we moved on to figure out the best form of pymt. for Domino's/Bullwinkies. I was surprised when I got your first email, so I called her and asked why it was now a problem to host the team; she told me again that the state could pay for the pizza and it wasn't a problem. I didn't go into any details about your email; but wanted to know what had changed. We've only had one reception catered so far (Baranof paid by Cap.CityRep.Wom.) and DOA will be number two (Doc Waters); so to have Domino's cater the third event shouldn't be an issue.

I definitely will increase my prayer time for you!! I appreciate your *mom's heart* towards these boys and your willingness to open up your home to them. If someone is going to criticize you for that- then that's an honorable thing to be criticized for. It will mean alot to these kids to see the House and have a bite to eat after the game!

I pray that you will continue to move forward in God's wisdom and peace as you handle these types of issues. Venting is healthy, so feel free to anytime!!

Erika

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wed 9/12/2007 8:57 PM  
**To:** Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)  
**Subject:** Erika: This is ridiculous

Sorry, really, to be sarcastic about this Erika! But I had an hour-long conversation about this with Mike, after he spoke with Linda Perez and Karen Rehfeld, and the only thing productive that came out of that discussion was the acknowledgement that Juneau folks are watching very closely everything I and my family does. Mike says that includes things like \$ spent at the mansion.

I love kids, sports, teams, etc and they are the people whom i WANT to host and be hospitable towards, versus some of those stuffy receptions I'm expected to host - and today I'm told that since I let the chef go that we can't offer to host a team??? This was the most frustrating issue I've faced in a long time because it's hypocritical and nonsensicle. It was ok for Murkowski to wine and dine Bill Allen and members of the Corrupt Bastards Club, but I'm going to get hassled over how many old boxes of brownie mixes we use to serve a flippin' high school football team?

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I know we're on the same page on this one, but others in the capitol are not. Thanks for letting me vent. I DO appreciate you!  
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 04:34:37

To: "Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>, "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our \$8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.  
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From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:16:52

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3 jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spaghetti sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau (tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

Again, I am heartsick that anyone perceived this a negative thing.

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:52 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: RE: Footballers

:)That certainly would be great!!

Are you thinking as a celebration after the state championships (playoffs etc..) or just go ahead and plan something regardless? We have team dinners the Thursday nights before all of our home games, so that's an option or whenever is fine too!

Erika Fagerstrom  
Executive Residence Manager  
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State of Alaska, Office of the Governor  
716 Calhoun Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801  
Phone: 907-465-3500; Fax: 907-465-2031

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:41 PM  
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)  
Subject: Footballers

E- no doubt JDHS will win state football championships, so let's plan on having them to the mansion when it's convenient for all, also!

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From: "Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 08 Sep 2007 08:23:46  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: Anchorage

Goodmorning,

That's strange-I just received this email dated Sep 7, (8:54AM), but it was delayed an entire day... Hopefully that wasn't the case w any of your other emails yesterday.

Thanks so much for the invitation to your home for dinner. We were really looking forward to watching Bristol's game and seeing you guys! By the time we got in and got a rental car it was already about 8 o'clock. AK Air and mechanicals-ugh!

Kaitlin was sad/disappointed, she was especially looking forward to seeing Piper and Willow.

The fball team usually stays at the HS gyms, but they found a really cheap hotel in Palmer (Moose something..?) so they splurged.

Hopefully we'll see the girls (maybe you too) at the game today!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)

Cc: Todd Palin <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Sent: Fri Sep 07 08:54:37 2007

Subject: Anchorage

I'll be in the Anchorage office today so hollar if anything changes re: coming out to wasilla this evening - is the team staying in a wasilla hotel, or anchorage?

It would be fun to go to Bristol's game tonight so we'll do dinner very casual and then go up to the field.  
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**From:** Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:34 AM  
**To:** Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Leschper; Mary C (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); kris.perry@alaska.gov; Anders; Bruce F (DNR)  
**Subject:** FW: BP Story

Here is the 5pm version to compare. Beaudoin in this segment continues to speak to them as "fires" not flares, maybe I'm splitting semantics here. However the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of the transcript below mentions BP's take that they are "actually a flare of crude that was cleared by a cleaning pig in a feeder pipeline." Don't know if this is helpful or not to you experts!

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**From:** Jason Moore [mailto:jmoore@ktuu.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:26 AM  
**To:** Bailey, Frank T (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: BP Story

5:00 version...

[Anchor:MIKE]  
 {\*\*\*MIKE\*\*\*}  
 [ReadRate:13]

STEVE, STATE OFFICIALS SAY THERE WERE FOUR FIRES AT B.P. FACILITIES ON THE SLOPE DURING THE PAST 30 DAYS...THE STATE SAYS THE LATEST HAPPENED JUST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

[TAKE: A ROLL]  
 {\*\*\*A ROLL\*\*\*}

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER TOM IRWIN SAYS STATE INVESTIGATORS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE SLOPE NOW TO INVESTIGATE.

IRWIN SAYS THE STATE IS AWAITING DETAILS ON YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT THE LISBURNE PRODUCTION CENTER

BUT B.P. SAYS WHAT STATE OFFICIALS CALL A FIRE WAS ACTUALLY A FLARE OF CRUDE THAT WAS CLEARED BY A CLEANING PIG IN A FEEDER PIPELINE.

STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE NUMBER OF FIRES IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.....

[TAKE: B ROLL  
 DURATION:0:25]  
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[CG :2 Line Font\Daren Beaudoin\BP Spokesman]

<10:20...you can't ignore four..you just can't...you can't ignore one, but when it gets four, in my own mind if I were the public I would be thinking 'gee...what's going on?'...:10>

<20:16...fires are regrettable, but they do occur in oilfields...that's why we put so much time, effort and expense into building fire safety systems...multi-layered safety systems...work on training folks to be able to quickly respond should they occur....:15>

[TAKE: LOSE IT]  
 {\*\*\*LOSE IT\*\*\*}

STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE OTHER FIRES HAPPENED IN AUGUST AT GATHERING CENTER ONE...FLOW STATION #3...AND B.P.'S FACILITY AT BADAMI.

THE COMPANY SAYS THE OTHER INCIDENTS WERE MINOR, AND WERE CAUSED BY SMALL LEAKS OF LUBE OIL OR DIESEL FUEL THAT SPILLED ONTO HOT EQUIPMENT...STEVE...

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[Anchor: JASON]

{\*\*\*JASON\*\*\*}

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STATE OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE DEMANDING ANSWERS ABOUT A SERIES OF FIRES AT BP'S FACILITIES ON THE NORTH SLOPE.

[TAKE: A ROLL]

{\*\*\*A ROLL\*\*\*}

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSIONER TOM IRWIN SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR FIRES IN THE PAST 30 DAYS..WITH THE LATEST HAPPENING JUST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE LISBURNE PRODUCTION CENTER.

BP SAYS WHAT THE STATE CALLS A FIRE WAS ACTUALLY A FLARING OF PETROLEUM MATERIAL CLEARED OUT OF A PIPELINE BY A CLEANING PIG.

BUT STATE OFFICIALS SAY THE INCIDENTS HAVE CREATED A SERIOUS SITUATION...

[TAKE: B ROLL]

{\*\*\*B ROLL\*\*\*}

[CG in 0:00 to 0:04:2 Line Font\Tom Irwin\AK Natural Resources Commissioner]

[CG in 0:15 to 0:19:2 Line Font\Daren Beaudoin\BP Spokesman]

<16:50...we'd much rather be telling alaskans we're working on this...we're aware of it...instead of standing here explaining to alaskans why we didn't if something serious happens....this is a preventative approach...:13>

<24:29...nobody wants to have a fire on the north slope, but I think folks can rest assured, and our folks do, that we have protective systems in place and people trained who can take care of them as soon as they happen...and these three fires were of short duration....:12>

[TAKE: LOSE IT]

{\*\*\*LOSE IT\*\*\*}

THE STATE SAYS THE OTHER FIRES HAPPENED LAST MONTH AT GATHERING CENTER ONE...FLOW STATION NUMBER THREE...AND BP'S BADAMI FACILITY.

THE COMPANY SAYS THOSE WERE BRIEF FIRES CAUSED BY LEAKS OF LUBE OIL OR DIESEL FUEL THAT SPILLED ONTO HOT EQUIPMENT.

THE STATE AND BP SAY THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE IN ANY OF THE INCIDENTS.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [mailto:frank.bailey@alaska.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:13 AM

**To:** jmoore@ktuu.com

**Subject:** BP Story

Hi Jason,

Thanks for pointing me to Mike Ross's story. Is the 5pm or 6pm version available by chance somewhere?

My direct line here is 269-7459.

Thanks a lot.

Frank

Director, Boards and Commissions  
Office of Governor Sarah Palin  
907-269-7450

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Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:10 AM  
To: Tom Irwin  
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Where is dec on this lately? All of our plates are full, but if im missing something here w/climate opportunities ive been waiting for larry to let me know what they're doing next and how i can help.

Did you respond to kate?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To: Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor, I thought a lot about whether I should pass this on but decided you would want to see what the conservation side is thinking. I don't agree with all the comments but a lot matches our thoughts and I respect Kate. Tom

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From: Kate Troll [kate@akvoice.org]  
 Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2007 6:19 PM  
 To: Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Tom\_Irwin@state.ak.us  
 Subject: Climate Train is Leaving

Tom

I am writing you because we have had several conversations about how climate change affords the Governor with a prime opportunity to shine on a national stage and restore some of Alaska's tarnished image. But right now we appear only to be playing the role of the poster child for impacts or as some say, the role of the victim. Yesterday again we played the role as the Anchorage Daily News reported, "Alaska polar bears called doomed". It is clear that our polar bears are serving as the national icon for the climate change challenge. Yet, the stories about stepping up for action on climate change come from elsewhere. Most recently it was the Republican Governor of Idaho. "Where is Alaska?" is the question that rises to the top. This is Alaska's number one social, cultural, economic and environmental issue. Yet we are not part of the solution dialogue. From where I sit – connected to what going on in DC and other states – the train is leaving the station and Alaska doesn't appear to be on it. The climate change subcommittee is a good start but the state needs to act more boldly and publicly to take action on climate change. And it's economically and politically safe to do so. Here is my take on why and how the Governor can take a center stage on this issue:

- Alaska's natural gas is the transition fuel to a clean energy economy not only for us in Alaska but for the nation. As I've explained before the gasline is part of the national equation on how we address climate change i.e. AIGA is Alaska's gift to America. Clean Alaska gas replaces dirty US coal plants.
- Use this energy card as the Governor's venue for playing nationally. Have Governor Schwarzenegger come up and help set this stage; calling upon major energy companies to submit bids on AIGA as part of their corporate responsibility to address climate change. My sources say he is willing to come but will only do at the invitation of Governor Palin.
- A poll of Alaskans in August of 2006 revealed that over 80 percent are convinced global climate change is happening; over 70 percent are convinced that global climate change is a serious threat to the people and environment of Alaska; and over 80 percent favor regulating greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.
- Recognizing that many Alaska villages and rural residents are on the frontline of feeling the impacts, 150 Alaska Native groups including Native Corporations, tribal governments and AFN have passed resolutions calling for action. The eroding villages are constantly being highlighted in news sources and documentaries but so far no has stepped in to help move their communities.
- The Mayors of Anchorage, Juneau, North Pole, Kodiak, Shishmaref and Homer are all on record opposing climate change and are taking action to curb carbon emissions in their communities.
- Federal funds targeted to go to states to help them adapt and cope with the impacts of global warming could be tied to a state's level of activity to reduce emissions within their boundaries. Particularly now with the shifting political landscape, Alaska needs to position itself positively to receive mega federal funding.
- 26 states are completing climate action plans, with 14 states having greenhouse gas reductions targets. Many states found that policies that address climate change were not a burden on commerce but rather presented economic opportunities. Some states are using action on climate change to position themselves in new markets related to climate action: producing and selling alternative fuels, attracting high-tech business and selling carbon reduction credits.
- With our vast and abundant renewable energy sources from wind, geothermal, hydro and tidal we

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could be a national and international leader on providing clean energy but we need to invest in research and development; position ourselves to become part of the hydrogen fuel solution. Funding HB 152 is a good start but we can do so much more and other states and provinces are way ahead of us.

There are four things she can do right now to show leadership, 1) invite Governor Schwarzenegger up to Alaska and use this opportunity to announce how Alaska's natural gas and in particular the gasline is part of the national solution 2) announce the climate sub-cabinet and dedicate a person in the Governor's office to be a climate change coordinator.... the Governor's office needs to be engaged for the sake of designing and driving the bigger energy stage, 3) indicate an intent to support and fund HB 152, 4) announce that Alaska will join the Western Region Climate Initiative as an observer with an eye to participating once all the dynamics are understood.

Tom, speaking candidly with you, climate change is the NUMBER ONE concern or issue for the conservation community. I know that we may not come to agreement on all the other development proposals out there, but it is my sense that TIMELY action (not Johnny-come lately action) by the Governor will hold in good stead regardless of the other issues. I want her to succeed as Governor. From where I sit, strong action now on one's of the greatest challenges facing Alaska is key to her success. I've had this conversation with Martha Levensaler and know she concurs.

Please know that we stand ready to assist in whatever we can.  
Yours in putting Alaska First  
Kate

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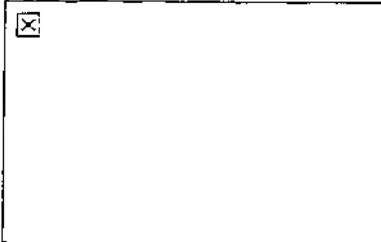
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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:14 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: Deadline Approaching To Promote Your Business

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**From:** World Trade Center Alaska [mailto:info@wtcak.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:12 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Deadline Approaching To Promote Your Business



***Deadline Fast Approaching.....***

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**Greg Wolf**

Executive Director

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**From:** Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 6:58 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)  
**Cc:** Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Climate Train is Leaving  
 Governor,

I will work with Tom and Bruce today to get these points incorporated into the AO for your review and signature tomorrow.

I will also get a summary to everyone today of the work the sub-cabinet and DEC have been doing on Climate Change issues.

I am in Seattle today at an oil spill prevention task force meeting (Clean Pacific Conference) but will be available to work on the AO and any materials needed for its announcement tomorrow.

Thanks,  
 Larry

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wed 9/12/2007 10:51 PM  
**To:** Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)  
**Cc:** Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Crome, Cora J (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: Climate Train is Leaving

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:51:39

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Tom Irwin <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>  
 Cc: "Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, Cora Crome <cora.crome@alaska.gov>, Sharon W Leighow <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, Michael A Nizich <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, Michael A Tibbles <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, Kristina Y Perry <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, Beth Leschper <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>  
 Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I will work with Bruce first thing in the morning to get a draft paragraph that can be evaluated for inclusion in the AO signing.

-----Original Message-----

From: "gov.sarah@yahoo.com" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
 To: "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>; "Lawrence L Hartig" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>  
 Cc: "Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>; "Cora Crome" <cora.crome@alaska.gov>; "Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>; "Michael A Nizich" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>; "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>; "Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>; "Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>; "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

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Sent: 9/12/07 9:58 PM

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Tom: I probably won't have time tonight to get those points made in our messaging for tomorrow, so im going to cc others who may be putting something together for tomorrow's AO signing.

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 21:56:29

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Cc: Anders Bruce <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 1:37 PM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: uschamber.com Monthly: Pants Lawsuit Fundraiser Held

**From:** membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 13, 2007 1:27 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** uschamber.com Monthly: Pants Lawsuit Fundraiser Held

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:40 PM  
To: Heather Bruce; Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Bruce's Muldoon Chevron Supersation of America

I'll be there! Thanks!

Janice- let's reserve Sept 21 for Kurt's grand opening. And let's do a congratulations letter to him for opening this business and helping to revitalize Anchorage.

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From: Kurt & Heather Bruce <khbruce@gsi.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 22:12:19

To: sarah palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Bruce's Muldoon Chevron Supersation of America

Gov. Sarah,

If you are interested in a tasty Johnsonville Stadium Bratwurst, Cheddar Cheesedog or an outstanding F'real Milkshake we are planning the Grand Opening for Friday, September 21st. I have prepaid for a "Post It" ad in the ADN and that is about the only Friday available in the foreseeable future. Fridays are good days for us and Coca Cola will provide a BBQ. I need to have it before snow flies.

Later, Kurt

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From: Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 6:22 PM  
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Re: MM action items and updates

Thanks Kris. One additional action that arose was lack of any status on MM or place for bud inquiries. Spoke with Tina Otty this morning and she said she'd get on having some info on the sale posted.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
To: ExternalEmailgsp  
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV)  
Sent: Thu Sep 13 18:17:25 2007  
Subject: MM action items and updates

In follow-up to the meetings with Joe Austerman and Kristan this week:

Action items that are works in progress:

--changing processing days to 5 days a week M-F immediately (reduces labor costs)

--working on changing so that Mat Maid drivers drive the Anchorage/Valley routes (reduces costs by using our own people which is cheaper than Carlyle)

--getting a merchandiser for the Mat Valley stores (increases our sales when we have our coolers stocked all the time)

--contacting corrections and/or other state agencies to increase our sales

--discontinuing Ralph's services

--selling what rolling stock and equipment we don't need (i.e. 37 trailers)

Kristan has contacted Fred Meyer/Kroger for the West Coast regarding the possibility of processing/bottling their milk now at our plant, helping to keep the prices of MM milk down in their stores, helping us merchandise in their stores (even though they don't have to), and the invitation to bid on MM. She also spoke to Greg Spark in Seattle w/Carrs Safeway and was able to secure an in-store price reduction.

Kristan and I are both working with Joe to make sure these action items are completed in a rapid manner and that other solutions continue to be sought. Frank has also offered to assist in whatever capacity is needed (he has already provided some good ideas that we'll be following up on). We have a draft op-ed and Kristan is making some final touches on it.

I'll update more as additional information / status updates become available. Financials are expected in about a week or so.

Kris

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 5:23 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Copper Center amazing moments

We had heard such tough things about struggles faced in the Copper Center community from troopers in Glenallen and OCS there. I had asked the OCS personnel if there wasn't a point of light or hope in Copper. She named the principal in the Copper Center School.

We stopped by and got to talk with the teachers and uplift them...they were in tears, joyful that we were there to say thank you.

As I walked out, a young teacher of two years stopped and asked that I pass a message to you. She said to say thank you for the money you provided. She said her position was slated for elimination and you had a hand in making sure they got adequate funding. She teared up as she told me and she was extremely grateful. Thought you'd like an encouraging heads up today!

Sean

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 2:26 PM  
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey  
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Thanks so much

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 13:44:40

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Barbara Thompson has been in touch with Esther Cox and she is happy to extend the public comment period at the meeting on the 21st, so that all can be heard. She understands that allowing more testimony in lieu of conducting the work session on statewide correspondence programs is an option - as well as shortening the lunch time and trimming up the agenda in other places.

Barbara Thompson has also been in touch with Glen Biegel today regarding public testimony. There has already been public notice on the meeting from DEED and on the AHEA website.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:19 AM

To: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey

Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Lynne and Mike: this is the issue that has erupted in controversy - I have not been in the loop until hearing the rage of some expressed on talk radio about this issue this week.

It is my position that the Homeschool organization should be allowed allowed adequate time to speak at the public board meeting. Please work with Ms.Cox to allow that. Please let me know how the parents desiring their voices be heard will be notified that they will be allowed adequate time to speak at the meeting. Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 08:11:22

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

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From: Esther Cox [mailto:esthercox@alaskalife.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:08 PM

To: AK Home Educators Alliance

Cc: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); mauer@wildak.net; bschaeffer@nwarctic.org;  
Son.Luu@elmendorf.af.mil; Scott\_Tim@asdk12.org; sreynoldsak@gmail.com; 'Patrick Shier';  
hollowayassoc@gci.net

Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

September 12, 2007

Board of Alaska Home Educators Alliance:

The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development is going to have a one hour work session on September 20th on statewide correspondence schools. It is an information session for the board with presentations by several State Department of Education personnel, and an opportunity for Board members to ask questions and to discuss. It is not the intent of the Board to hammer out any modification or eradication of regulations regarding statewide correspondence. Therefore, we are not asking for any participation by members of the public.

The Board is on a tight agenda, and we shall be sticking to the time allotments as closely as possible. There are any number of issues before the Board, and each one deserves full time and consideration.

There will be time to testify at the beginning of the meeting as always. Testimony from interested parties on any agenda or non-agenda item is encouraged; however, again time will be an issue. It would be helpful if your organization would select two or three people to testify who would represent the home school community.

Thank you.

Esther J. Cox

Alaska Board of Education and Early Development

Chairg

On Sep 9, 2007, at 3:28 AM, AK Home Educators Alliance wrote:

Dear Ms. Cox, members of the Board of EED and Ms. Smith:

Attached is a letter from the Alaska Home Educators Alliance. Thank you in advance for responding to our requests.

Sincerely

The AHEA Board

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**From:** Dwight Kramer [dwimar@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2007 8:52 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Mike Chenault; Wagoner, Tom (LAA); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Improper Handling of Pacific Coast Slamon Recovery Fund Money  
Dear Governor Palin,

Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition is forwarding your office an advanced copy of a letter we are sending regarding the mishandling of the transfer of PCSRF funds by the former administration. We feel these actions were unethical and possibly illegal. We are asking for your office and the Department of Law to commence an investigation of these actions and the related conflict they may have with ongoing Board of Fish actions. We regret that we have to take this action, however, we feel it is in the best interest of the State to identify unethical behavior so that we can move forward in an open and legitimate manner.

We have furnished support documents in the mail out packages we provided for your office, the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Law.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter. If you have any questions or require further clarification please don't hesitate to call.

Dwight Kramer  
KAFC - Acting Secretary  
283-1054

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:50 AM  
To: John Katz  
Subject: Re: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Yeah!!!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 15:17:23

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Dan Wilmont, your military escort to Kuwait, = asked me to convey the email pasted below.

Please pass along a hearty Marine Corps "OH RAH" to the Governor.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is  
<mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:32 AM  
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Footballer

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 19:17:21

To: "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Linda Perez" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>, "Karen J Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>, "Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:20 AM  
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: PFD

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 19:19:58

To: "Patrick S Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: PFD

Pat- haven't heard update on PFD roll-out in Kotzebue. Or Kenai. Or anywhere else.

I need to put it on my schedule asap.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:17 AM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perez; Linda J (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV)  
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:19 AM  
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey  
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Lynne and Mike: this is the issue that has erupted in controversy - I have not been in the loop until hearing the rage of some expressed on talk radio about this issue this week.

It is my position that the Homeschool organization should be allowed allowed adequate time to speak at the public board meeting. Please work with Ms.Cox to allow that. Please let me know how the parents desiring their voices be heard will be notified that they will be allowed adequate time to speak at the meeting. Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 08:11:22

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

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From: Esther Cox [mailto:esthercox@alaskalife.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:08 PM

To: AK Home Educators Alliance

Cc: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); mauer@wildak.net; bschaeffer@nwarctic.org;  
Son.Luu@elmendorf.af.mil; Scott\_Tim@asdk12.org; sreynoldsak@gmail.com; 'Patrick Shier';  
hollowayassoc@gci.net

Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

September 12, 2007

Board of Alaska Home Educators Alliance:

The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development is going to have a one hour work session on September 20th on statewide correspondence schools. It is an information session for the board with presentations by several State Department of Education personnel, and an opportunity for Board members to ask questions and to discuss. It is not the intent of the Board to hammer out any modification or eradication of regulations regarding statewide correspondence. Therefore, we are not asking for any participation by members of the public.

The Board is on a tight agenda, and we shall be sticking to the time allotments as closely as possible. There are any number of issues before the Board, and each one deserves full time and consideration.

There will be time to testify at the beginning of the meeting as always. Testimony from interested parties on any agenda or non-agenda item is encouraged; however, again time will be an issue. It would be helpful if your organization would select two or three people to testify who would represent the home school community.

Thank you.

Esther J. Cox

Alaska Board of Education and Early Development

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On Sep 9, 2007, at 3:28 AM, AK Home Educators Alliance wrote:

Dear Ms. Cox, members of the Board of EED and Ms. Smith:

Attached is a letter from the Alaska Home Educators Alliance. Thank you in advance for responding to our requests.

Sincerely

The AHEA Board



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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:19 AM  
To: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC)  
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 06:53:33

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Anders, Bruce F (DNR)" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Crome, Cora J (GOV)" <cora.crome@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor,

I will work with Tom and Bruce today to get these points incorporated into the AO for your review and signature tomorrow.

I will also get a summary to everyone today of the work the sub-cabinet and DEC have been doing on Climate Change issues.

I am in Seattle today at an oil spill prevention task force meeting (Clean Pacific Conference) but will be available to work on the AO and any materials needed for its announcement tomorrow.

Thanks,

Larry

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 8:17 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spagh. sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007  
Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:57 PM  
To: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Katz; John W (GOV)  
Cc: Stapleton; Meghan N (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

We need to do a presser on this on friday

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 14:13:38

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>, "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Climate Train is Leaving

I had Cora give a run down on what is happening with the Climate Change sub-cabinet. See below.

I just spoke with Larry and got a little more information on a few topics.

The administrative order creating the climate change sub-cabinet is ready for the Governor's signature. She will likely be signing it Friday when she is in town. It may be appropriate to issue a press release.

The climate change sub-cabinet is meeting in Fairbanks in early October. It is likely that at that meeting they will recommend that representatives from DEC be appointed observers to the Western Region Climate Initiative. Mike Tibbles already has a draft letter to that effect. As observers, we can participate in the process, but aren't necessarily agreeing to the goals they have adopted. Again, when this is finalized, we could issue a press release.

It appears that most of the suggested actions are already in the works.

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From: Crome, Cora J (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:18 AM

To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Climate Change

The administration has been fairly active on climate change, although groups highly focused on the issue might desire even more action or might be unaware of some of our efforts.

\* The Governor created the climate change sub-cabinet, which has been meeting regularly and coordinating between departments, the Governor's office, and the university on the issue. The sub-cabinet received a fair amount of press coverage when it was first created despite the lack of a formal announcement. If we were to finalize the administrative order creating the sub-cabinet, that might be an opportunity for a press release to again draw attention to these efforts. The sub-cabinet has been working with communities, national groups, the legislative commission, and the congressional delegation to address topics such as effects on fisheries, erosion in coastal communities, federal legislation, and carbon emissions.

\* At some point, federal funding may be available to help states adapt and cope with the effects of climate change. Our D.C. office is already working closely with our congressional delegation on legislation. At this point it isn't clear whether such legislation will be passed or what form it may take, but our office is working to ensure that Alaska benefits from any such legislation.

\* We have not yet spoken publicly on HB152, the renewable energy fund. This is largely due to uncertainty about the funding source. Although the concept is one that we would likely support, it is important to verify that the funding source. Options, including the possible use of remaining railbelt energy funds, are being explored. Once a concrete proposal for funding has been advanced, we will be in a position to determine and announce our support for the fund.

\* The benefits of the gas pipeline to both the state and the nation have been a major focus of communications from this office. It is possible that a specific tie to climate change could be further emphasized in the future.

\* The Western Region Climate Initiative is a relatively new group, formed in February of this year. Currently 6 states and 2 Canadian provinces have joined, while another 4 states and 3 provinces are observers. The climate change sub-cabinet has been discussing what the appropriate level of involvement for Alaska in this and other such initiatives might be.

\* We are also coordinating with the Arctic Research Commission to identify opportunities for state involvement in research and policy matters in the Arctic as changing conditions draw increased global attention to this area.

I can follow up with Larry about progress and future plans for the climate change sub-cabinet and provide more information after I have the opportunity to talk with him.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:20 AM

To: Leschper, Mary C (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To: Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor, I thought a lot about whether I should pass this on but decided you would want to see what the conservation side is thinking. I don't agree with all the comments but a lot matches our thoughts and I respect Kate. Tom

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 3:30 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Travel Info

1. You've got an invite from principal Wendy Taylor to visit Glacier View School by Mat Glacier. Great place to stop and have lunch with kids.
  2. In Glenallen region, Copper Center seems to be most hurting, dysfunctional area. Most of Glenallen's OCS cases and trooper domestic calls originate there.
  3. Native v non Native issues simmering. Came up several time--one example...swim lessons operated by tribe with fed dollars offers it free to Native children, 60 dollars per kid if you are non-Native.
  4. Roads definitely need work.
  5. Glenallen High has a shop for shop class that isn't used during summer. Could be leveraged for workforce devel training?? School construction coming along well (adding elementary wing to new high school wing).
  6. Ahtna-State land issues simmering. Have to talk another time.
  7. I get people telling me what a breath of fresh air you/we are. It's all positive from that aspect.
- Just arriving in Valdez.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 1:20 PM  
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
Subject: FW: Chancellor's Report September 2007

-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Ringstad [mailto:fydist@uaf.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:34 AM  
To: fydist@uaf.edu  
Subject: Chancellor's Report September 2007

Greetings,

The September 2007 issue of Steve Jones' Chancellor's Report highlighting recent achievements and developments at UAF is now available for your review at <http://www.uaf.edu/chancellor/report/index.html>. The report is published five times a year and is included in the informational packets at each regular meeting of the UA Board of Regents.

If you have any trouble accessing these files, or would prefer a hard copy of the report, contact University Relations at (907) 474-7581 or via e-mail at [fyurel@uaf.edu](mailto:fyurel@uaf.edu).

Sincerely,

Ann Ringstad, Associate Vice Chancellor  
University Relations



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From: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE  
GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:59 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Governor,

The sub-cabinet has been up and running since spring. The AO is finalized. I'll make sure it is in your office in Juneau when you get there on Friday.

Thanks,

Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 12:16:01 2007  
Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

I thought we already formed the subcabinet with the AO... if it still hasn't been signed then pls set that up for a signing to take place in Juneau on Friday. is the AO ready to go?

"Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov> wrote:

Governor,

I didn't get Kate's email referred to in Tom's email. I suspect she wants a more aggressive schedule for the State's response to climate change.

Currently, we are forming workgroups who are advising the subcabinet in particular areas, including what are the most immediate needs in terms of threats to villages and state infrastructure.

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I am currently on my way to Seattle for the Pacific NW Clean Seas (Oil Spill Prevention) conference. I will be back in Anchorage late Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you would like to discuss our Climate Change actions and opportunities further. I would appreciate this opportunity.

Larry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 05:16:53 2007

Subject: Fw: Climate Train is Leaving

Larry - what can i do to help w/ your climate change messaging? Pls see emails below:

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 13:10:18

To: "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

Where is dec on this lately? All of our plates are full, but if im missing

something here w/climate opportunities ive been waiting for larry to let me know what they're doing next and how i can help.

Did you respond to kate?

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From: "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 23:54:58

To: Palin Sarah' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Boardwalk for \$500? In 2007? Ha!

Play Monopoly Here and Now <[http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=48223/\\*http://get.games.yahoo.com/proddesc?gamekey=monopolyherenow](http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=48223/*http://get.games.yahoo.com/proddesc?gamekey=monopolyherenow)> (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:29 AM  
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)  
Subject: Re: Ramras

Thanks Joe - So what did you do to defend the admin in these conversations? And Jay spoke at the ethics bill signing ceremony... I did not snub him - and i read the script laid out in front of me at that ceremony. I'm sure Bitney has done all he can to help with this issue, right? As he's the one who set up the bill signing ceremony.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 10:48:36

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Ramras

I had two conversations with Ramras.

The first occurred after his appearance on the radio. I called to give him a hard time--that apparently he blows smoke when he talks to me and turns around and disparages me when he's talking to his buddies in the business community. I had to cut the conversation short, but said I would be calling him over the weekend about the special session.

The second call occurred on Monday before the press conference. It was a verrry long conversation where he vented on a number of fronts. The first was about your use of the word corruption when speaking about PPT. His feeling, and the feeling of many of his colleagues (according to him-but somewhat verified by the calls I made to the other house majority members), is that all legislators are under the gun and assumed

guilty by the public. He probably spent 20 minutes going on and on about this.

The second issue he is upset about revolves around the ethics bill. He feels snubbed by the way the bill signing was handled. After making an accommodation for you to come introduce the omnibus bill in his Judiciary Committee, he feels like he deserves a little gratitude for the slings and arrows he took--particularly because all his bills died in the Senate as a consequence. At the signing ceremony in July, you thanked "Hollis French and all the other legislators" who helped make the bill happen. The fact that he is holding on to those particular words two months later suggests to me that he has taken this very, very personally.

Between those two issues, he is convinced that the public thinks you are against all Republicans and out to help Hollis French and the Democrats--that somehow they are the only "pure" politicians. He is adamant that the way you talk about the corruption issue does nothing to provide cover for those in the majority who are not corrupt. With that, he is turning to the PPT issue and suggesting that the dynamic you have set up is for legislators to follow your lead--otherwise they are corrupt. He is not willing to follow your lead; he believes that he in particular worked hard to change the PPT from the Murkowski version and that he, nor most of his colleagues, were corrupted on the vote; he also believes changing taxes this often is bad policy; he thinks this is all political opportunity rather than focused policy.

The bottom line is, he feels threatened politically and that he needs to go on the offensive to voice why he is going to be a "no" vote. Otherwise, it's his sense that being a quiet "no" is going to be taken as an indication that he is corrupt. Therefore, he has to explain loudly why he opposes you on this subject.

I have to say that, based on the conversations I had with House Majority

members ahead of the press conference, he is not alone. There is a real need for you to continue expressing appreciation for the honest and deliberate members of the legislature. Some of them arrived at the 20% tax rate for valid reasons. Some of them, obviously, arrived at 20% for other reasons--some corrupt. Differentiating between the two is important--and likely to be the subject of another op-ed in the communications plan for ACES.

I hope this provides some insight into Ramras' behavior. Halcro's is just the manifestation of a spoiled brat who is a sore loser--who wants to run for Congress and join his friend, Lisa Murkowski, in the US Senate.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:10 AM

To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

Subject: Ramras

I dont know how your conversations went with Ramras, Joe and Tibs... but AH was on another tear this morning using the conversation(s) against us. Maybe Ramras misconstrued the content of your conversation(s) and passed it on to AH? Or was there more to the Ramras call that I must be missing?

Also, someone told AH that Tom Irwin directed someone to spend four hours transcribing the radio rampage of Ramras' ...he was gleeful about that on the radio this morning... but he wasn't being truthful.

What am I missing here with your convo's with Ramras?

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From: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV) [mike.tibbles@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:01 AM  
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: RE: Letter from Governor Palin

I will go chek on the letters and dates. I asked Lynne about her recent contact with Glenn and she said two weeks ago she passed along that next week's board meeting will not only take public testimony but will hold a worksession on the homeschoolers issue. She received the impression that he was happy that that board is taking up the issue.

A while back Roger brought in RichMauer who was the board chair. They walked through the campaign survey and pressed you for direction. At that meeting, I reuested we have a folow up to really dig into the issue. We did that and we pressed the dept for solutions. Roger was under the impression that the legislature should take up the issue. He believes the board has tried twice and now the legislature should take it from here. One clear message he passed along was that the issue is very divisive and to go as afr as Glenn would like would set off every school district and thousands of parents.

I will still get more info on the letter to make sure we both know what was sent out. However, I don't know if we should get in the middle of the board's work before they make a recommendation.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>  
To: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>  
Sent: 9/12/2007 10:43 AM  
Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

no one shared any of this with me Mike - what's going on with Dept of Educ and homeschoolers? I am going to have to reply to Glen that despite his requests for me to be kept in the loop on this, that the information was not shared with me. What was the date of these communications?

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:25:25 2007  
Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,



Here is a copy of a letter from Lynn Smith and an email from one of our parents.

Thanks

Glen

Here also is a paste from a different email about a response to Lynn Smith and a conversation that She, Sally Javier and I had:

Hi Lynn,

Thank you for replying. I would like to talk to you more on the comments from Barbara Thompson and share more information that I pray you will share with the Governor. The comments from Mrs. Thompson raise many concerns for parents who have been left out of this process.

There was the perception of abuse. How many of these abuses were documented? Why didn't the DEED do something? All the laws needed to prevent that abuse were in place. All the regulations needed to stop the abuse were in place. Why was regulation written in the absence of law? Do they admit that it destroys competition? Do they admit that homeschoolers are having choice stripped from them? This was ordered by former Governor Murkowski who told his staff to shut us down and quiet the papers. Why wasn't this handled with individual teachers who had a certificate they would like to keep?

Also, Lynn, it is not going to work for Mrs. Thompson to say that Galena agreed to this. Galena was negotiating with the DEED and lobbying the legislature for

other programs at the same time. Where were the other statewide programs at this meeting? Where were the parents? Open testimony was closed even though there were lots of us waiting. Does Galena speak for all? A quick call to any of the Galena folks will give you the honest answer that all statewide programs were being held at gunpoint during those meetings. The gun was that if they did not take what they were offered, the Murkowski DEED and Murkowski Board of EED would shut them down. That meeting was one of the reasons why parents organized to look after the welfare of their children.

(I'm paraphrasing here.) Glen wondered how Rep. Hawker, and not the legislators who penned the legislation, could make decisions about regulations in the face of laws that are contradict.

Governor Palin told me when we talked (she was in Fairbanks at their fair campaigning) that she believed in competition. Regulating statewide programs with regulations that do not apply to in-district homeschool programs is an equity issue that can not be ignored.

Are you still at the office this morning? If we can not visit via phone today, when do you return from your (more than likely a much needed) vacation? Lynn, who would be your back up while you are on vacation?

When Governor Palin ran for office, she, personally responded to the AHEA questionnaire promising statewide homeschoolers, many of whom campaigned for her, some very specific things. Please see the list below.

Will the Governor meet with us? Has she turned her back on her promises? Who is the Board of RED and the DEED responsible to? Where do they get their authority?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Javier

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of \$1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately \$800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among

Alaskan students?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and

teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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From: "sally.javier" <sally.javier@ideafamilies.org>

To: <adougherty@gci.net>; <bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org>; <gbiegel@ak.net>; <alaskaplantlady@alaska.net>

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 9:24 PM

Subject: FW: Letter from Governor Palin

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From: S. Nymeyer [mailto:nymeyer@gci.net]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:54 PM

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Somehow this wasn't exactly the response I was hoping for...

Susan

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From: Castle, Lillian K (GOV) [mailto:lynn.castle@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:24 PM

To: nymeyer@gci.net

Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

Please see the attached letter from Governor Sarah Palin in response to your email.

Lynn Castle

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From: imagistics6530 [mailto:imagistics6530@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:48 PM

To: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)

Subject: Scanned PDF

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:30 PM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

You may want to schedule a meeting with Annette to brief you on steps DOA has taken through the last few months to clean up ETS (our IT group) and to ensure proper procedures (or not) were followed related to contracts for VOIP (voice over internet protocol), E911, ALMR (the penultimate turf war between DMVA and DOA).

We've had concerns expressed to our office that we've talked with Annette about, Rachael Petro, and Mike T. Not sure whether they were ever elevated to you.

I've just heard that both Con Bunde and Eddie Burke have been asking around after these issues so I don't want you blindsided without an understanding of what DOA has done and is doing to address the issues.

Through the months we've been feeding everything we're hearing either to DOA or Mike or both.

I've got to stop traveling so I don't have to send you so many emails with heads ups...



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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:35 PM  
**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: This is ridiculous

Hello Governor,

What if we were pro-active with this- as I think it's a good opportunity to show hospitality to Colony while they're in Juneau; and to the Juneau team.

To ward off any potential for a negative response- I could speak to the Juneau coaching staff tonight (and players) and let them know that you'd like to have them over for dinner to celebrate their successful season. We could host the dinner on a Thursday evening before one of their home games (we have 3 in a row); either the House could provide the spaghetti fixings or our 1st & 10 Club could. We could work out details later, but the invitation would already be extended.

We could go ahead with the Colony dinner and I could just purchase the items at Costco (spagh. stuff or frz. pizzas), then it's not like we have a check out to Domino's.

I spoke with Linda yesterday, before I moved ahead with the pizzas and she had *absolutely no problem* with state money being spent on the f-ball team. I always like to make sure I'm not doing something that will reflect poorly on you; and there wasn't anything negative implied in her response.

Besides your a Hockey Mom/Governor, so it makes sense that you'd have kids over!

Please let me know how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks!

Eriak

Erika Fagerstrom  
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Governor's House  
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor  
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To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
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The house does have a budget to purchase and prepare food. Erika mentioned that sometimes the local league will host the visiting team but I would not personally be concerned about a Costco bill. She needs to buy supplies there anyway and has a check prepared with a blank amount.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:18 PM  
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>  
  
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 17:15:53  
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: This is ridiculous

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); 'Frank Bailey'; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)  
Subject: RE: Ramras

I explained to him that we are taking the politics out of it. If politics were driving us, we would have rolled out a gross tax without regard for the impact on the investment climate. When he challenged me on holding a special session during the corruption trials, I pointed out that we already have a very full legislative session: revenue sharing, PERS/TERS, & K-12 cost factors are all left over from last year; operating/capital budgets; energy issues (hopefully); and AGIA license approval. That's a full plate--and we have to do it all within 90 days due to a voter-passed initiative (we both knew it was his initiative so I didn't mention that...I just let it twist away at him). I told him that we both know it is unlikely the Legislature would be able to add this to their agenda and actually get it done--that those asking for it to be held until the regular session are the same folks saying nothing needs to be done.

Also, this issue needs to just stand on its own--no horse-trading in the capital budget or for other legislation. Besides, if we know there's problems and that we need better tools to administer a net system, then it's irresponsible to do nothing. He seemed to back down a bit at that point.

On the ethics bill signing ceremony, I told him I didn't know what talking points were put together for you--that it was a leg office issue and I assumed Bitney had it covered. And since Bitney had worked out the testimony in his committee I assumed things were covered. He came right back to the public messaging--that you gave all the credit to Hollis.

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Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin, Tom E (DNR)  
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Thanks Joe - So what did you do to defend the admin in these conversations? And Jay spoke at the ethics bill signing ceremony... I did not snub him - and I read the script laid out in front of me at that ceremony. I'm sure Bitney has done all he can to help with this issue, right? As he's the one who set up the bill signing ceremony.

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From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 10:48:36

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>, "Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>

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Subject: RE: Proposed letter for governor, re: student loans

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Mike

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To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Proposed letter for governor, re: student loans

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Date: Mon, 10 Sep 2007 16:05:44  
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To: Campbell; Craig (MVA)  
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
Subject: Re: Alaska Guard Kuwait Return (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I love kids, sports, teams, etc and they are the people whom I WANT to host and be hospitable towards, versus some of those stuffy receptions I'm expected to host - and today I'm told that since I let the chef go that we can't offer to host a team??? This was the most frustrating issue I've faced in a long time because it's hypocritical and nonsensical. It was ok for Murkowski to wine and dine Bill Allen and members of the Corrupt Bastards Club, but I'm going to get hassled over how many old boxes of brownie mixes we use to serve a flippin' high school football team?

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These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our \$8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.



I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

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What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau (tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

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To: Fagerstrom; Erika (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our \$8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.

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Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

I'd be willing to use up stuff (3jars of sauce & pkg. of noodles, etc) that we have at the House and just buy some extra spagh. sauce and noodles at Costco and do a low budget dinner for Colony. I'd donate the sauce and noodles if we just wanted to stay away from adding extra costs; might be able to get a donated container of a drink from McDonalds...and use up leftover reception food and we have a box of mic. popcorn plus brownies.

I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

Subject: This is ridiculous

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What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau (tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

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Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

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I speak at Chamber of Comm in a few min. Hope your road trip is going great!

Pray for our troops. Track and his best friend enlisted in the Army's Buddy Program yesterday, lv for boot camp next wk, two yrs active duty - infantry.

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)  
To: Governor Sarah Palin  
Sent: Sep 12, 2007 6:24 AM  
Subject: Glen B

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Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)  
Subject: Ramras

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Also, someone told AH that Tom Irwin directed someone to spend four hours transcribing the radio rampage of Ramras' ...he was gleeful about that on the radio this morning... but he wasn't being truthful.

What am I missing here with your convo's with Ramras?

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:29 AM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
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Subject: Re: Telephone Call - John Hofmeister, Shell U.S. Country Chair

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:04 AM  
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: CSS September 2007 NEWSLETTER

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**From:** Susan Nelson [mailto:Susan.Nelson@matsuk12.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:47 AM  
**To:** Nelson@state.ak.us; Susn@state.ak.us  
**Cc:** Luthi, Rick  
**Subject:** CSS September 2007 NEWSLETTER

Hello CSS Students & Families, School District Staff and Community Friends:

Attached is the September 2007 Newsletter from CSS. We've attached it in two different formats for those who might need a choice. It's loaded with information on upcoming events and what's new at CSS! Be sure to check out our NEW WEBSITE at CSS.matsuk12.us ~

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Ms. Susan Nymeyer  
nymeyer@gci.net

Dear Ms. Nymeyer:

Thank you for contacting Governor Palin with your thoughts on the statewide correspondence programs and the selection of the new commissioner of education.

With the current makeup of the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development (board), I am sure that the interview process for the new commissioner will include discussion of home school, correspondence, and all elements of our education system. As you may have heard, the board decided to extend its search for a new commissioner. Barbara Thompson, the current deputy commissioner, has been named the interim commissioner.

As you know, Governor Palin, as well as the board, is supportive of educational choice. The board has made two attempts to address the statewide correspondence concerns through the regulatory process. The last time was in 2004. The board now believes that if any further changes need to be made to the equity issue, a legislative solution is needed.

At their last meeting, the board elected a new chairperson, Esther Cox. As the new chair, she will be addressing the outstanding issues related to statewide correspondence programs.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact Governor Palin with your thoughts about Alaska's education system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne Smith".

Lynne Smith  
Special Staff Assistant to Governor Palin

cc: Roger Sampson, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development  
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Wednesday, September 12, :

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I have been in contact with the conference bridge, and am told it should work fine, so we will try again. Call In number is (605) 772-3870, and the access code is 957740#.

## September DOL & Lobbying Meetings in DC

### Tentative Schedule

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8am - 4pm

Lobbying on the Hill - Preset appointments and drop-ins

Facilitated by Tim Shea - Lake Champlain (VT) Regional Chamber

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8am - 1pm

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2:30 - 3:45pm

State Licenses as Passport Alternatives for Land and Sea Border Crossings

US Chamber of Commerce - Herman Lay Room

1615 H Street NW

Presenter: Liz Luce, Director of Washington State Licensing Department

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We have finally seen acknowledgement from the US Government that WHTI will impact northern border communities.

We have successfully pushed for other documents to be acceptable to cross the border, including an enhanced state/provincial/territorial drivers license.

We have one last push now, and that is to solidify the June 2009 date for the final implementation of WHTI. Both the US House and Senate have separately approved this date for final implementation at least once over the last nine months, and now we must get the measure passed and to the President!

This will, however, entail considerable expenses as we travel to Washington DC, and continue to keep you informed of all the political machinations surrounding this important issue.

In other words: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## I Want to Support BESTT!!

Yes!

I wish to support BESTT as we make one last push to ensure WHTI is implemented in a manner that will still allow the free and fair flow of trade and tourism over our shared border!

Please accept my contribution for 2007, and continue your efforts on this and other important cross-border issues.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 9:13 AM  
 To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
 Subject: FW: Report Brief: Leading for Learning 2007

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From: Education Week [mailto:Education\_Week\_@xmr3.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:38 AM  
 To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
 Subject: Report Brief: Leading for Learning 2007



## LEADING FOR LEARNING:

### A Report on Leadership in Education

New challenges in education, spurred largely by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, have increased pressure on principals to improve student performance. As a result, principal preparation programs have shifted their focus to generate a new kind of school leader—one who often has more extensive leadership training and a more diverse background, according to a new report from *Education Week* and the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center.

"Leading For Learning 2007" compares the differences between up-and-coming principals—those with less than five years of experience—with veteran school leaders who have been on the job for more than 10 years, and investigates new trends in leadership development.

### The Next Generation of School Leaders

The principal workforce is getting older. In the last decade, the median age of principals rose from 48 to 51 years. But newer principals tend to come from more diverse backgrounds and have a greater amount of leadership experience, trends that signal significant changes in the profession. Among the key differences between newer and veteran principals:

- Newer principals have more leadership experience, with more than 72 percent having been an assistant principal before their first principalship, compared with 59 percent of veterans. Just under 5 percent of new principals rose from the teaching ranks without additional administrative or leadership experience, in contrast with almost 15 percent of veteran school leaders.
- More principals are female and from racial or ethnic minority groups. Among up-and-coming principals, 54 percent are women and 20 percent are of color, as opposed to 36 percent and 15 percent respectively among veteran principals.

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- New principals are more often faced with challenging schools. Half of up-and-coming principals work in schools that did not fully meet performance standards, compared with 40 percent of veteran principals.
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## New Approaches to Leadership Development

The "Leading for Learning" report highlights the transformation of leadership programs that are increasingly focused on the recruitment of high-quality teachers with leadership potential; greater use of practice-based curriculum to help shape instructional, rather than managerial, leaders; cooperation with local districts and schools; and acceptance of non-traditional providers of leadership training, such as nonprofit companies and district-based programs. The report also takes an in-depth look at three innovative programs that have set the tone for change, including:

- England's National College for School Leadership, which is the national credentialing authority for school heads, as principals are known in England.
- New Leaders for New Schools, which operates in nine urban districts and emphasizes accountability in training principals for the particular challenges they face there.
- East Tennessee State University, which has formed a collaborative partnership with two local school districts to revamp its educational leadership program with an emphasis on recruiting and mentorship.

However, despite a growing consensus on how to better prepare principals and emerging research on best practices, changes in leadership preparation are still at the margins, according to the report. Most institutions are still not teaching the kinds of skills—including the use of data, research, and performance evaluation—leaders need in the 21st century.

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The 2007 *Leading for Learning* report is the fourth in a series of special reports on leadership in K-12 education underwritten by the Wallace Foundation, which seeks to improve student achievement by strengthening education leadership through the support and sharing of effective ideas and practices. For more information about the Wallace Foundation, please visit [www.wallacefoundation.org](http://www.wallacefoundation.org).

The full report is included in *Education Week's* September 12 issue and is available online at [www.edweek.org/wallace](http://www.edweek.org/wallace).

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## Online Chat: October 3, 2-3 p.m. EDT

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**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)  
**Subject:** FW: from THE GREENTREE GAZETTE - Avoid costly litigation and settlements

**From:** chiefacademicofficer@schoolmatch.com [mailto:chiefacademicofficer@schoolmatch.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 7:59 PM  
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by

William L. Balnbridge

Any higher education administrator who has not been involved in a lawsuit is unusually fortunate and will most likely sooner or later face major litigation. Although administrators make continuing efforts to protect the safety and health of campus community members, lawsuits are being filed daily.

Legal compliance, employment, business, safety, environment, social and technological risks are fertile ground for litigation. Lawsuits drain money, time and energy from institutional teaching, research and public service missions. Claims paid drive up insurance premiums, and disputes resulting in out-of-court settlement costly.

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Today's issues include preventing horrid events like the attacks at Virginia Tech, conflicts in employment, tenure, intellectual property rights, date rape, accusations of hazing, managing student drinking, confidentiality of records, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, human subject research, campus crime, sexual harassment and more.

Plaintiff and defense attorneys are busy establishing "standards of care" in cases involving human resource management and campus accidents. Here are some factors to consider.

- Is Institutional policy based on good judgment and consistent with the accrediting association and state or national standards that apply?
- Is the policy communicated clearly to all administrators, faculty, staff and students when appropriate?
- Is university or college in compliance with its own stated policy?
- Is policy consistent with that of comparable institutions?
- Are safety rules and guidelines followed?
- Are faculty and staff properly selected, trained and supervised?
- Is legal advice considered in the decision-making process?
- Are administrators, faculty and staff encouraged to consider legal implications associated with their actions?
- Is appropriate training provided when technology, vehicles, facilities and machinery are in use?

Reasonable mediation and dispute-resolution systems should be in place. Claims should be recorded and analyzed to prevent recurrence. Practice prevention law by frequently reviewing practices and policies with outside or in-house counsel to prevent lawsuits from occurring.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:39 AM  
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Confidential - Fagan

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
To: 'ftb907@yahoo.com' <ftb907@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 07:38:46 2007  
Subject: Re: Confidential - Fagan

Yeah, but he replied, "I know this stuff is hard for you...". Sheeeeeesh. With friends like that I don't even need enemies! Crap

----- Original Message -----

From: Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 07:31:32 2007  
Subject: Re: Confidential - Fagan

Wow. Nicely put and restrained email....much more restrained than I wanted to be.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 06:02:34

To: gbiegel@ak.net

Cc: fek9wnr@yahoo.com

Subject: Confidential - Fagan

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LLHARTIG]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:12 AM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 6:03 AM  
To: 'gbiegel@ak.net'  
Cc: 'fek9wnr@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Confidential - Fagan

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GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 6:25 AM  
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
Subject: Glen B

Been thinking more...the other two people Glen said he was meeting with besides you and me were Loren Leman and Dave Cuddy. He said he was scheduled to speak with them about a day or two after he spoke with me. I think your answer may lie in those conversations.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 5:28 AM  
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Re: Glen B

Frank and Kris and i were just sick to our stomachs. Frank was going to send glen an email asking "why?" - Frank used the term "...thrown under the bus".

I dont know what changed recently with glen except me not meeting with him when he wanted to have dinner two wks ago around my Juneau trip. But i, too, didn't think that was a big deal.

Again, this has proven how small the circle of "friends" is in politics. And if his support was fickle all along and one event changed everything, then i guess it was good to know that sooner rather than later. I'm glad now i didn't meet with him to talk about your or my "future plans" - it could have been used against us now that I know what he's capable of.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 21:29:51

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Glen B

The last time I spoke with Glen, he expressed no displeasure with any of your policies and commented that he thought you should be governor for eight years. I was completely surprised to read about his performance on the Fagan show. So, bottom line, nothing I can figure from my conversation with him would have precipitated the exchange with Fagan.

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To: Lawrence L Hartig  
Cc: Michael A Tibbles; Sharon W Leighow  
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**From:** Thomas Aquinas [saquinas@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 11:48 PM  
**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV); Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)  
**Subject:** RE: Ethics Violation in Department of Administration  
**Importance:** High

Dear Ms Kim,

Thank you for responding to my emails. I don't doubt that our governor receives a lot of emails and relies on staff to follow up. Even more importantly she relies on commissioners and other public servants to make sound ethical decisions without having to stand over their shoulders. The substance of your email demonstrates that this ethics concern has NOT been taken seriously.

I ask that the Attorney General to conduct a good faith investigation.

It would take the honest answer to one question to figure this out: Why is this HR Manager position being created in Anchorage? The answer: It was created for one reason -- the personal gain of Diane Kiesel. Ask Commissioner Kretzer: If Diane Kiesel was still living in Juneau -- would this classified position be moved to Anchorage?

This is a violation of the Ethics Act.

Your email says Commissioner Kretzer is aware of the law. In that case, she will not be able to say that she didn't realize what she or Diane Kiesel is doing. It's ridiculous to say that the best person for the job can possibly be hired when the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Ms Kiesel have run off so many good applicants from applying.

If the Commissioner and Governor both really want the best person for the job, why not open the job up to people in Juneau and Anchorage, and then actually encourage quality applicants. Then the State could then put the position in the location depending on where the best applicant lives. Now that would appear far more fair and maybe undo at least part of the message that has been sent by Diane, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner that the job is Diane's already.

Please do the right thing.

Concerned Alaskan,  
Tom Aquinas

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Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2007 11:35:03 -0800  
From: anna.kim@alaska.gov  
Subject: Ethics Violation in Department of Administration  
To: saquinas@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Aquinas,

Thank you for writing Governor Palin regarding your concerns of ethics regarding the position recruitment of Human Resources Manager II position. The Governor receives many emails such as yours and does not have time to respond personally to them all. She has asked that I respond on her behalf.

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Your concerns were taken seriously. Commissioner Kreitzer is well aware of the personnel rules and laws surrounding hiring practices. No ethical violation has been found based on the information you provided regarding the recruitment of the Human Resources Manager II position.

Once the recruitment and interviewing process is completed, the expectation of both the Governor and Commissioner Kreitzer is that the best qualified candidate for the job will be chosen.

Anna

Anna Kim  
Special Staff Assistant  
Office of the Governor

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**From:** Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:18 PM  
**To:** Anders; Bruce F (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Martha K (DNR); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Climate Train is Leaving  
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Note: forwarded message attached.

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Luggage? GPS? Comic books?  
Check out fitting gifts for grads at Yahoo! Search.

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
 Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 12:16 PM  
 To: Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
 Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)  
 Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

I thought we already formed the subcabinet with the AO... if it still hasn't been signed then pls set that up for a signing to take place in Juneau on Friday. is the AO ready to go?

"Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov> wrote:

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Boardwalk for \$500? In 2007? Ha!

Play Monopoly Here and Now (it's updated for today's economy) at Yahoo! Games.

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From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [govpalin@alaska.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 10:43 AM  
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

Attachments: 2007.07.30.PDF



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no one shared any of this with me Mike - what's going on with Dept of Educ and homeschoolers? I am going to have to reply to Glen that despite his requests for me to be kept in the loop on this, that the information was not shared with me. What was the date of these communications?

----- Original Message -----

From: Glen Biegel <gbiegel@ak.net>  
To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Wed Sep 12 09:25:25 2007  
Subject: Fw: Letter from Governor Palin

Governor,

Here is a copy of a letter from Lynn Smith and an email from one of our parents.

Thanks

Glen

Here also is a paste from a different email about a response to Lynn Smith and a conversation that She, Sally Javier and I had:

Hi Lynn,

Thank you for replying. I would like to talk to you more on the comments from Barbara Thompson and share more information that I pray you will share with the

Governor. The comments from Mrs. Thompson raise many concerns for parents who ~~have been left out of this process.~~

There was the perception of abuse. How many of these abuses were documented? Why didn't the DEED do something? All the laws needed to prevent that abuse were in place. All the regulations needed to stop the abuse were in place. Why was regulation written in the absence of law? Do they admit that it destroys competition? Do they admit that homeschoolers are having choice stripped from them? This was ordered by former Governor Murkowski who told his staff to shut us down and quiet the papers. Why wasn't this handled with individual teachers who had a certificate they would like to keep?

Also, Lynn, it is not going to work for Mrs. Thompson to say that Galena agreed to this. Galena was negotiating with the DEED and lobbying the legislature for other programs at the same time. Where were the other statewide programs at this meeting? Where were the parents? Open testimony was closed even though there were lots of us waiting. Does Galena speak for all? A quick call to any of the Galena folks will give you the honest answer that all statewide programs were being held at gunpoint during those meetings. The gun was that if they did not take what they were offered, the Murkowski DEED and Murkowski Board of EED would shut them down. That meeting was one of the reasons why parents organized to look after the welfare of their children.

(I'm paraphrasing here.) Glen wondered how Rep. Hawker, and not the legislators who penned the legislation, could make decisions about regulations in the face of laws that are contradict.

Governor Palin told me when we talked (she was in Fairbanks at their fair campaigning) that she believed in competition. Regulating statewide programs with regulations that do not apply to in-district homeschool programs is an equity issue that can not be ignored.

Are you still at the office this morning? If we can not visit via phone today, when do you return from your (more than likely a much needed) vacation? Lynn, who would be your back up while you are on vacation?

When Governor Palin ran for office, she, personally responded to the AHEA questionnaire promising statewide homeschoolers, many of whom campaigned for her, some very specific things. Please see the list below.

Will the Governor meet with us? Has she turned her back on her promises? Who is the Board of EED and the DEED responsible to? Where do they get their authority?

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Javier

1. Currently, the State provides funding for school districts which enroll distance education students from around the state. These statewide programs currently serve nearly 10,000 Alaskan students.

1. Would you support the continuation of State supported homeschooling in its current form?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

2. Brick and mortar schools in Alaska currently spend an average of \$1,500 per pupil on extra-curricular activities, yet the statewide correspondence programs are limited to spending approximately \$800 per pupil for fine arts and P.E.

2. Would you support removing the regulations which cause this inequality among Alaskan students?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

3. The regulations adopted in 2004 and new interpretations of regulations adopted in 2005 impose restrictions on statewide homeschool programs which are not imposed on in-district homeschool programs.

3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

6. State law currently places no restrictions on independent homeschoolers (AS 14.30.010.10.(b)). Nationwide, there is no correlation between state oversight and homeschooling outcomes.

6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

7. Homeschooling families tend to be more politically involved than the average. Many of our members would be willing to help a candidate who would support homeschooling.

7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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